

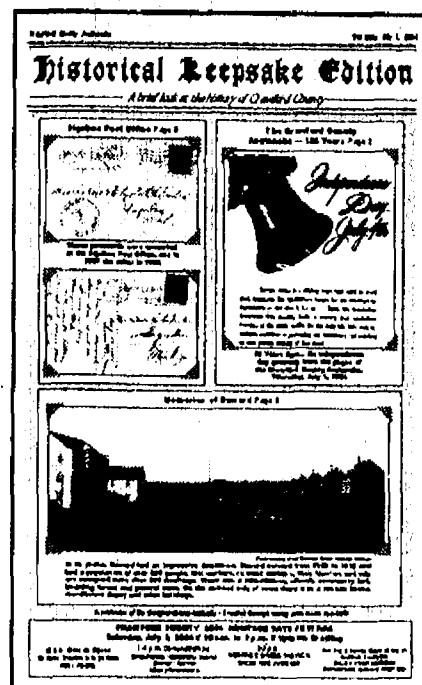
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RELAY FOR LIFE



Volunteers pass out balloons to kids at Relay for Life. Children at the event played games and were read stories to pass the time. Kids also participated in the walk on the track. This year, the Relay for Life raised over \$12,000 for cancer research. For more on the event, see Page 16A.

Underage driver's spree involves three departments

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Michigan State Police Troopers, from the Houghton Lake Post, in cooperation with the Crawford County Sheriff's

Department and the Grayling City Police Department apprehended two juvenile males for a series of incidents that occurred at approximately 7 p.m., on June 22.

These include the unlawful driving away of an automobile, fleeing and eluding, and two hit and run accidents. The suspects allegedly stole a van east of Grayling. The

owner saw the car leaving and called 911. Shortly thereafter, 911 received another report that a van was being driven
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Photo by Kim Ruley

Three police departments were involved in the pursuit of the erratically driven van on June 22. The van, driven by a ten-year-old, was also involved in two hit-and-run accidents before all three departments got involved.

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Grayling Youth Booster Club &
Grayling Area Local Businesses
INDEPENDENCE

DAY

CELEBRATION

Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 3

Independence Day Parade

Noon, Michigan Avenue
(Sponsored by VFW)

Sunday, July 4, 2004

Grayling City Park

Dharma Music

Providing Music & Entertainment
Noon - 10 p.m.

- Variety of contests throughout the day for children/teens/adults
- Karaoke 1 p.m.
- Karaoke Master Final 6 p.m.
- Limbo, Hula Hoop, Line Dancing & Dance Contest
- Guest performers throughout the day.

Free Kid's Fishing Contest

12 noon - 2:30 pm
Kids 5-12 years old

(planted trout)

Bring your own pole

Prizes awarded:

First Fish by Boy and First Fish by Girl
Other prizes awarded to successful anglers
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2:30 - 4 pm

Kids 10 & under

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All supplies furnished by Booster Club

Games

4 - 6 pm • Kids 10 & Under

Water Balloon Toss, Bean Bag Toss, Hoola Hoop Contest, Football Toss, Limbo Contest, 3 Legged Race, Water Balloon, Toss Ring Toss, Face Painting

(Games and Arts & Crafts Sponsored by the GHS Cheerleaders)

Free Throw Contest

6 pm

(\$1 donation to the GHS Cheerleaders)

Free Watermelon

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Avalanche welcomes new reporter

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Matt Seager, Grayling High School class of 2004, didn't have much time for summer fun. Just a few days after graduation, he started working as a staff writer for the *Avalanche*. He said he likes it because its a "job where I have responsibilities and the things I do make a difference."

Reporting is not new to Matt who worked on school newspaper, *The Norseman*, during his senior year, although he admits the pace at the *Avalanche* is somewhat faster.

In addition to writing for the high school paper, Matt was named as the recipient of the Howard "Whitey" Madsen Memorial Scholarship awarded to a student planning to major in journalism. He also received scholarships from the Knights of Columbus National Scholarship Program, the MEAP program and the

Monsignor Bartkowski Scholarship.

Matt was on the GHS soccer team for two years, was involved in school plays, was a member of the GHS debate team and the National Honor Society.

In addition, he spent the second semester of his junior year in Australia.

Matt has also been involved in making two films, one of which "The Battle of Lovells" was honored at the First Annual Suttons Bay Film Festival in May. The film which was written by Seager, was selected for it content, technical merit and creativity.

His other film, "Post Mortem," was made two years ago. Matt and his friends are now working on the sequel "Post Mortem 2" which they hope to finish this summer.

In August, Matt will be heading to Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.



Matt Seager

Why am I always selected for jury duty?

Some people in the county seem to receive notice that they are called for jury duty much more often than previously. Others say that they have been called many times and their friends and relatives have never been called. Both of these situations make people ask "why me?"

Prior to 1996 jurors were summoned for 90 days. In 1996, the term was shortened to 30 days and in 2002 that was reduced to 15 days. By shortening the term, there is now a need for approximately 120 potential jurors each month.

Under state law any person in a county that holds a driver's license or state I.D. card is eligi-

ble for jury service. Once each year the Secretary of State mails a computerized randomly generated list of all citizens over 18 years old in Crawford County that have either a driver's license or a state I.D. card. That information is then entered into the court's computer system electronically.

Using the court's computer system, the number of potential jurors is entered in the system and the computer then generates a random number and uses that number to scan down the initial random list received from the Secretary of State, producing a new list of potential jurors.

Questionnaires are mailed to that selected group for juror

qualification. Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore said, "With Crawford County's population under 15,000 many residents keep getting selected until they actually serve. Residents need to keep in mind that we must eliminate those under 18; those over 70-years-old who choose not to serve; deceased individuals; and non-residents from the equation which reduces the numbers greatly of those eligible. Then we have those in the military, in college, disabled, or extreme hardship cases which again reduces the numbers even more."

Moore added, "Jury duty is your civic duty and our court system cannot function without your participation. Please know

we appreciate your participation!"

Statutes state that after service a juror does not have to serve again within 12 months. Service is defined as appearing at the courthouse for service whether a person actually served or was excused. Being summoned but never having to appear at the courthouse is not considered service.

It is possible to be summoned and serve in one year and still receive a questionnaire for the following year.

However, even though you are qualified for service the following year the computer will not select you until after 12-months have elapsed from your previous service.

School's out but teachers are still working

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

When the last school bell ushered in summer vacation for Michigan's 1.7 million students, teachers continue working, learning, teaching and planning.

Teachers across the state will be spending their own money to attend conferences, take college classes, plan curriculum, rewrite lesson plans, and generally improve their skills, according to a member survey conducted by the Michigan Education Association.

They will also spend time catching up on professional materials that they couldn't squeeze in during the school year - reading the latest teaching journals, new textbooks, literature to assign their students next year - or researching for grants to fund projects or materials for their classrooms. In these tight budget times with schools cutting many purchases, teachers must be resourceful.

Locally, teachers at all levels of the district are taking college courses, some to keep current, others to finish their Masters Degree.

At the high school level, three teachers are teaching summer school, another has gone to China to teach during the summer, and some are going to Advanced Placement (AP) conferences.

At the middle school a few teachers are downstate helping to develop state curriculum in science and others are taking History Alive training locally.

At the elementary level at least 10 teachers have been involved in the summer school program, while others have just finished math training. Since a new reading series has been adopted for the fall, the teachers are reading over the new materials and preparing lessons for their students.

Most will also be attending writing workshops designed to help their students become better writers.

Several committees continue to meet during the summer, and there are professional development activities scheduled for August for the entire teaching staff of the district. So for local teachers, summer vacation is not really a vacation.

Theater company encourages youth reading

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The Acting Up Theater Company put on a show at the AuSable Primary School last Thursday. The theme of the play was "Discover new trails."

"We just love the fact that it encourages kids to read," said company member Chad Patterson. The play, which is touring in schools and libraries across the state, is about five adventurers who are hopelessly lost. These include, Lewis and Clark, a scuba diver, an astronaut

and a safari hunter. Ultimately, they must use the power of reading to find their way.

"Basically, we're saying any adventure can start with a book," said Patterson. The Acting Up Theater Company visited 50 sites on last year's tour. Their plays are designed to have an educational message while encouraging fun and laughter.

The Acting Up Theater Company is part of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library's summer reading program.

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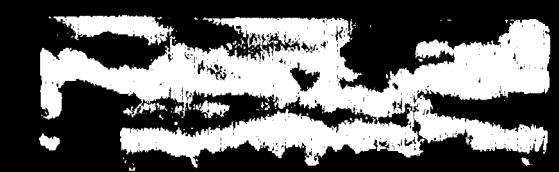
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Crawford County Economic Development Partnership Board elected



CCEDP board members (left to right): Kay Cosgray, Terry Wright, Paul Compo, Phil Lewis, Milli Haug, Dave Stephenson, Bill Johnson, Lee Riley, John Sloan, and Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak. Not pictured: John Alef, Keith Kenney, Allen Lowe, Bob White and Tim Zigila.

In May, 2003, the Community Assessment Team (CAT) through efforts of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and MSU Extension, shared their thoughts for moving Grayling and Crawford County toward the goal of creating a vital community.

The CAT team recommended the formation of an economic development organization for Crawford County with a full-time staff person focused initially on facilitating industrial and downtown development.

Soon after the CAT team visit, individuals with a high level of interest in Crawford County's economic future began meeting and discussing how to move these goals forward. A more formalized group of individuals began meeting as the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership Steering Committee in December, 2003.

After nearly six months of preparatory work as a Steering Committee in creating a mission, vision and goals, a newly formed Board of Directors has been elected to the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) as follows:

John Alef (Citizens Bank), Paul Compo (Crawford County), Kay Cosgray (Michigan Works), Milli Haug (Crawford Ausable Schools), William T. Johnson (Frederic Township), Keith Kenney (EZ Built Homes), Phil Lewis, Treasurer (Grayling Generating Station), Allen Lowe (City of Grayling), Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, Secretary (Mercy Hospital), Lee Riley (Beaver Creek Township), John Sloan, DO (Resident of Crawford County), Dave Stephenson, Vice Chair (AJD Forest Products/Crawford County), Bob White (Northland Area Federal Credit Union), Terry Wright, Chair (Grayling Township), Tim Zigila (Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce).

The CCEDP will be a non-profit, non-stock, Michigan Corporation with 501(c)(3) status. Initial funding of the CCEDP will be sought through community support which will be appropriately distributed across existing businesses, industry, professional service providers, organizations and the city, townships and county governments. For the next three years, a budget of \$100,000 annually has been

identified to finance the partnership including establishment of an economic development office and the salary and benefits for an economic development professional. The money is being sought from both public and private enterprise.

The mission of the CCEDP is to encourage and support the retention and expansion of existing services, commerce, and manufacturing, attract new business and industry, improve the quality of life, enhance and protect the natural resources, while maintaining the small town atmosphere desired by area residents.

Those interested in learning more about the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, work accomplished thus far and goals for the future can attend the July 8, 2004 Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Grayling High School Auditorium.

Local homicide results in open murder charge

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police is investigating the homicide of Laurie Pray Paulison, 44, of Roscommon, who was discovered at her residence in Beaver Creek Township at approximately 6 p.m. on June 20.

Crawford County Central Dispatch received a 911 call from a relative of one of the people at the residence reporting a female at the home was unresponsive.

Trooper Heliin was dispatched to the residence along with Crawford County EMS personnel.

nel.

The medical examiner ruled Paulison's death a homicide by asphyxiation. It is believed Paulison had been dead for several hours before her body was discovered by a visitor.

The suspect, Catherine Ann Belski, was a roommate of Paulison.

Belski was arraigned on a charge of open murder June 22. She was denied bail and lodged in the Crawford County Jail.

The court appointed James Deamud of Prudenville as her attorney.

The preliminary exam is scheduled to be held on July 6.

Young vandals slash tires

During the week of June 21, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office received numerous reports of vandalism in two different neighborhoods in the community. The reports included approximately 20 slashed tires and damage to several mailboxes.

The neighborhoods that experienced the damage were the Sherwood Forest subdivision and the Warner Drive area off Roberts Road.

Deputies from the Sheriff's

Office canvassed the neighborhoods identifying several witnesses who helped lead officers to four juvenile males between the ages of 11 and 15 years old.

After interviews with the suspects and their parents, the juveniles admitted to the crimes.

In addition to the destruction of property, officers uncovered evidence of shoplifting from several stores in the area.

The names of the suspects are being withheld due to their ages.

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Vice president Cheney loses his cool

COULD THE pressures of an uncertain world, added to those of an uncertain political campaign, be getting to our vice president?

Veep Dick Cheney is usually the personification of calm and collected, ever in command, but last week in the United States Senate, Mr. Cheney did something very uncharacteristic.

He swore. Not only that, he said he was glad he did.

It happened when senators gathered for a group photo in the Senate. Sen. Patrick Leahy, Vermont Democrat, apparently got into a verbal tussle with Mr. Cheney, one thing led to another, and the vice president used a vile street language four letter swear word to tell Mr. Leahy what he could do.

That sort of language is not usual, especially in the U.S. Senate, and especially coming from Mr. Cool himself, Dick Cheney.

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WHAT REALLY happened? Who said what to whom, and what did they mean, and how was it said?

Only those involved really know. Immediately after the incident, political spinning went into full gear.

Did Mr. Cheney apologize? Far from it.

"I felt better after I said it," he told reporters. "A lot of my colleagues felt what I said badly needed to be said."

The vice president is wrong about that. Sen. Leahy often can be a cantankerous and contentious person, especially with Republicans and especially during the steaming political atmosphere of this cantankerous, contentious political year.

Mr. Leahy is a strong Democratic partisan, and Mr. Cheney is a strong Republican partisan. But that's no excuse for what happened.

Mr. Cheney should apologize to Mr. Leahy, to the Senate, and to the public. He

won't, of course. That would be an admitting a mistake, and folks in the Bush administration rarely if ever own up to any mistake in the first place.

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MR. CHENEY'S words and actions did not bother everybody. The New York Times quoted Dennis Humphrey of Iowa, who attended a Cheney speech in Sioux City the next day:

"It tells me Cheney is very human," Mr. Humphrey said. "It also tells me he's not going to get pushed around. He'll fight back."

Do cursing and obscene language make the one who uses it a bigger and better person?

Just the opposite, in my opinion. It makes him smaller, more limited, weaker, inferior. It's even worse that this incident involves the vice president.

"That's not the kind of language I usually use," Mr. Cheney said. I hope that's true.

"I was kind of shocked to hear that kind of language on the floor," said Sen. Leahy. I hope that's true, too.

It should be equally as troublesome that the language used in American society has sunk to such depths. Powerful and public persons, such as Dick Cheney, should improve the language, not degrade it; even worse is to revel in the use of verbal obscenities.

It would be a long and arduous struggle to clean up dialogue in America, but a worthwhile one.

Vice President Cheney should take one small step in that struggle by issuing a public apology for a regrettable lapse of taste and decorum.

That would prove he's a bigger and better person.

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POLITICAL FALLOUT -- Will the Leahy incident cause any political damage to the Bush-Cheney ticket this year? "He's a tremendous asset to the

Republican party," said Ed Gillespie, Republican national chair. "Rank and file Republican voters out there just love Dick Cheney. They appreciate his loyalty to the president."

Counters Jim Jordan, campaign manager for challenger John Kerry:

"Cheney's definitely turned into a big, fat albatross around the president's neck."

The truth is probably somewhere between these extremes.

Few voters will desert President George Bush because of Mr. Cheney's foul mouth. They won't choose a president on that basis.

The incident may give those who don't like the Bush-Cheney ticket one more reason to vote for Mr. Kerry, but it's not a determinant.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Questions raised by former Kirtland dean regarding allegations

To the editor:

I am writing to respond to the memo released to the local papers on May 20 which attempts to explain why I was reassigned from the dean of instruction and removed from the college administrative team 6 months ago. The *Avalanche* alluded to this memo in an article it published a week after the Kirtland board election.

First of all, I want the *Avalanche's* readers to understand that I did nothing wrong. Whatever I did as dean of instruction was always done in what I thought to be the best interests of the community that Kirtland serves and that my family and I have lived in for 34 years.

If the vague and unsubstantiated statements of alleged misbehavior cited in the memo were enough to justify my reassignment and a possible lawsuit against me by the college, why didn't I receive it -- or anything like it -- until May 20, a full 6 months after my reassignment? There isn't even a mild reprimand in my personnel file.

The college waited until 3 weeks before the board election

in which I was a candidate to make these flimsy allegations public. I also wonder why this memo to the board arrived anonymously at one of the local newspaper offices on May 11, almost two weeks before I -- and the public -- received it.

Let me suggest that these allegations, which weren't shared with the board or me until 6 months after my reassignment, were released to coincide with the board election and possibly influence its outcome. I leave it up to the readers and citizens of our district to evaluate my 34 years of service to the community and to the college.

Education requires the free and open exchange of ideas. Any good college has to not only tolerate but encourage differences of opinion. Learning, innovation and growth cannot happen without them. These are values on which a college should be run. And as a recently elected trustee, I will work to make sure this is how Kirtland will be run.

Richard Silverman
Roscommon

Support for the troops offered, but for the Bush administration, that's another story

To the editor:

How kind of Mr. Crawford to think I'm young enough to get into the military! And how good of other readers to support honest dialog.

Mr. Crawford is absolutely right that POWs were mistreated in WWII. That is why, after WWII, the USA pushed for the Geneva Convention to protect POWs. Do we want to trash protection for captured troops? True, Al-Qaeda is not respecting POWs. But we don't have to lose our moral standing just because Al-Qaeda does.

The philosopher Nietzsche wrote, "Whoever fights monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster." Nietzsche was an atheist and some Christians think he's a good candidate for demonhood, but on the subject of fighting monsters I suspect he and Jesus saw eye to eye.

Ask yourself if Jesus would accept a job in Abu Ghraib.

I respect and support our troops and vets. They are doing their duty to the best of their ability, risking -- and sometimes losing -- life and limb to defend our country.

I do not, repeat NOT, respect or support the politicians who sent our men and women into dangers on flimsy pretexts. The 9-11 commission just said Saddam was not working with Al-Qaeda and Iraq was never an "immanent danger." Neither have any WMDs been found. (Though they may yet be found; there are persistent rumors that some are being planted by the Pentagon so they can be "found" before the November election.)

In my opinion, the politicians who have agendas of their own, and are using the blood of American citizens to accom-

plish them, are betraying the nation's trust. A lot of high-ranking military officers also feel betrayed.

Retired General William Odom, now at the Hudson Institute, a conservative think-tank, told the *Guardian* newspaper, "It was never in our interest to go into Iraq. It is a diversion from the war on terrorism; the rationale (finding WMDs) is phoney; the army is overstretched and being driven into the ground; and the prospect of building a democracy is zero. 'We can't afford to fail,' that's mindless. The issue is how we stop failing more."

General Anthony Zinni, former head of Central Command in the Middle East, said of "Staying the course" that "the course is over Niagara Falls."

Recently 26 retired military officers and diplomats wrote a letter saying that true patriots

should vote Bush out of office in November because he has damaged both US Security and our World standing. Signers included Marine Gen. Joseph Hoar, commander of US forces in the Middle East during Bush Sr.'s administration; Admiral William Crowe Jr., Reagan's Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Admiral Stansfield Turner, former head of the CIA. These men were all proud to serve their country. It says something that they are now ashamed of our President's actions.

A betrayal of trust should not be a partisan matter. Republican or otherwise, we all love our country, and we should unite in denouncing those whose lies are causing U.S. casualties.

Cathy Lester
Grayling

Camping trailer owners should be encouraged not chased away

To the editor:

The county has an ordinance that says a person can only put his camping trailer on his property for a total of ninety days a year. A lot of people use their trailers all year for fishing, camp-

ing, hunting, and snowmobiling. They spend a lot of money in our stores and other businesses. When they can afford it or when they retire, they build a home on their property. That's the way I started and most of my neighbors

started that way too.

If the people decide to take their trailers on and off their property, how is one ordinance officer with more important things to do going to keep track of each trailer to see if it has a total of fifty, ninety or one hundred and fifty total days for the year? That seems like an impossible job. The state is cutting funds for everybody. So come on county officials, put your heads together and find a way to bene-

fit from the trailers instead of chasing them to a different county where their money would be appreciated.

If the trailer is safe and the property is kept up, you could add two or three hundred dollars a year on their taxes. Maybe you could generate enough revenue to add one or two sheriff deputies for the night shift and make our county safer for everybody.

Bill Nicholas
Grayling

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Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

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The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.


Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

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Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy; Minor Surgeries; Hospital Newborn, Child & Adult
Care; Nursing Home Care in Grayling and **MORE**
Walk-ins Welcome

We participate with the following insurance companies:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (Traditional and PPO), Federal Blue Cross Blue
Shield, Medicare, Preferred Choices PPO, ASR PPO, First Health PPO, Ticare;
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Donald D. Burkley, M.D.
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Michael E. Burkley, D.O.
Gregg B. Hanert, D.O.
Noreen Harner, Diabetes Educator

ACCEPTING PATIENTS OF ALL AGES

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
(Physician available on-call 24 hours, 7 days a week)

Call 989-348-7671 for appointment

Grayling Country Club

(Celebrating 80 years)

2nd Annual Scramble Tournament

July 11th 2004 1 p.m. Shotgun

Tournament Size

(4) person, and the form for your own teams)

(5) visitor and resident mixed, senior men & senior women

\$40/person entry fee (includes: golf, cart & clubhouse)
Hamburgers, briswurst, macaroni & potato
pancake will be served following golf.

Tournament Prizes

- 1st place in each division receives a foursome dinner at a nearby course
- 2nd & 3rd places in each division receive Grayling Country Club certificates
- proximity prizes for long drives, closest to pins & long putts
- skins game for each division

Raffles

- CMU season football tickets
- Grayling Country Club quilt made by our own superintendent Donna Grass
- 50/50
- Titleist Stand Bag

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THIS TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

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The Bible Speaks

Our Declaration of Independence

Our nation was born in the American Revolution as our forefathers fought a just war in reaction to the British abuse of their God-given rights. These God-given rights were stated by our forefathers in the Rights paragraph of our Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Four divine unalienable rights for all human beings are declared above: The right to life, liberty, property, and self-defense. These rights cannot be granted or guaranteed by any form of government because governments are alienable or changeable. Only God can give unalienable rights because He alone is sovereign, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and immutable.

The words of Thomas Jefferson still speak to us from the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift

of God? Our liberty bell proclaims these words of God: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." (Leviticus 25:10) Our Holy Scriptures promise us: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36). As James Madison, the father of our Constitution said, we have staked our future not upon the power of government, but upon individuals governed, controlled, and sustained according to the Ten Commandments of God.

Our Declaration of Independence has promised this world more freedom than any document except the Bible. Today, these unalienable rights are under attack as never before in our history as a nation. They are attacked from within by a subculture of Secular Humanism which would replace God's unalienable right to life with government rights to abortion, euthanasia, and suicide. They would replace our liberty with licentiousness or license to sin in the name of liberty. They would replace our pursuit of happiness, namely our right to personal property with government taxation and redistribution of property. They would deny our right to defense by promoting pacifism while undermining the original intent of our second amendment to the constitution.

Our God-given unalienable rights are under attack globally by Islamic terrorists who promote and glorify death more than life, tyranny more than liberty, and poverty more than personal property rights. Just as American liberals supported and defended the Marxist ideas of socialism during our global war

against communism, even so now many are publicly and politically opposing our global war against Islamic terrorism. They were quick to blame the President, Secretary of Defense, and military leaders for the abuses of a few in Abu Ghraib prison. Yet they are quick to defend sodomy, abortion, and other abuses of sexual perversion in our country as civil rights. American liberals share with the Islamic terrorists a common hatred for God's past blessings upon America.

If liberals force Americans to abandon our Creator, our Declaration of Independence, and our U.S. Constitution, we will become slaves to tyranny from within. If we do not have the courage to fight and win the global war against Islamic terrorists in other countries, they will attack and terrorize us at home just like they have done to Israel for over 50 years. God promised us in 2 Chr. 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." We desperately need our God. Pastor "B" Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period June 30 - July 6, 2004.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). June 30, July 6.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). June 30 - July 2.

Range 17, South Grenade Range, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Road, east of Range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road). June 30 - July 2.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road, and east of the gas pipeline. June 30 - July 2.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. June 27 - July 2.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on: June 27 - July 2, 2004:

- Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

- Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road.

- Stephan Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

- Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling office of the Department of Natural Resources for the area closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

OBITUARIES

Doris Elaine Taylor

Jan. 17, 1923 - June 25, 2004
Doris Elaine Taylor, of White Cloud, passed away Friday, June 25, 2004, at her residence following an extended illness. She was 81 years old.

Mrs. Taylor was born on January 17, 1923 in Fargo, North Dakota, to William and Jenny Melin. She married the Reverend Robert M. Taylor on November 2, 1940.

She was formerly a member of Bethel Baptist Church of Pinckney, Frederic Baptist Church of Frederic, and lately Hillside Baptist Church of Big Rapids. She was a faithful and caring minister's wife for over 50 years, always seeking where she could help anyone in their needs.

Mrs. Taylor was preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah Strong, on January 26, 1994.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, and her children, Carolyn (Robert) Smith of Dansville, Janice (Wayne) Becksvort of Hamilton, Patricia (Morley) Schram of Lansing, Judith (Tom) Crandall of Grayling, David (Melody) Taylor of Muskegon, Phillip Taylor of Wilkes Barre, PA, Steven (Tracy) Taylor of Pinckney, Timothy (Maxine) Taylor of Howell, and Thomas Taylor of Wyoming; 29 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 29, 2004 at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids with Pastor Charles Hewlett officiating. Burial followed at the Chippewa Lake Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Doris' name may be forwarded to the family or left in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements by Mohnke Funeral Home, Big Rapids.

Harold H. Sneed

July 24, 1926 - June 25, 2004
Harold H. Sneed, of Frederic, passed away on June 25, 2004 in Bay City. He was 77 years old.

Mr. Sneed was born on July 24, 1926 in Fenton, the son of Harold R. and Geraldine (Ketchum) Sneed. He graduated from Byron Agricultural School.

He worked as a truck driver and at the Frederic Woodworking plant, and spent his retirement years working at the Gaylord Wal-Mart and enjoyed his "Wal-Mart family" very much.

Mr. Sneed was a World War II veteran, a life member of the VFW, serving as Post Commander in Grayling from 1984-88. He was also a member of the Masons of Byron, MI Lodge No. 80, and a member of the Grayling Moose Lodge #1162.

Harold was preceded in death by his father Harold R. Sneed and his brother-in-law, Robert Snyder.

He is survived by his five children, Don (fiance Brooke) of East Lansing, Jerry (Laurie) of Byron, Bob of Durand, Tammy (Joe) Myers of Gaylord, and Bill of Flint; ten grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; his mother Geraldine Itsel of Farmington; two sisters, Mary (John) Cool of Farmington and Linda (the late Bob) Snyder of East Jordan; and three nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 29, 2004 at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

George Warren

Sept. 4, 1937 - June 26, 2004
George Warren, of Grayling, passed away Saturday, June 26, 2004 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. He was 66 years old.

He was born on September 4, 1937 in Reeder Township in Missaukee County to David and Margaret (Olson) Warren.

Mr. Warren was self-employed and was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife Shirley and his children Christine Warren of Grand Rapids, Chan (Joyce) Warren of Moorestown, Tia (Dennis) Hamer of Cadillac, and Tony Warren of Grayling; three brothers and three sisters, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Warren's body was part of the Gift-of-Life Program.

There will be no services, cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Fund.

Arrangements by the Young Funeral Home, Lake City.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 102 complaints the week of June 21 - June 27:

Fifteen traffic accidents, two traffic safety public appearances, four motor vehicle inspections (school bus), four civil matter disputes - family, six suspicious situations, one lost and found property, two missing persons, 14 general non-criminal, three delinquent minors, two false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny, one larceny from a vehicle, one fraudulent activities, one nonsufficient funds check, 14 damage to property, one damage throwing stones, etc., one damage to property other, seven public peace/disorderly, one hit and run motor vehicle accident, one OUIL, three health and safety, one conservation, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, nine driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc., one no operator license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the period of June 20-27:

Two traffic accidents, one private property accident, three traffic warnings, four assist other departments, two motorist assists, one traffic control, two misdemeanor arrests, two check law violations, one attempt to locate, one alarm response, and the following complaints: four civil, two disturbing the peace, four juvenile, three suspicious behavior, one harassment, one animal control, and seven unclassified.

BIRTHS

Lauri and Tom Saunders, of Clio, announce the birth of Keli Ann on June 15, 2004, weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz., and measuring 19 inches long. She joins her older sister Kori.

Keli's paternal grandparents are Ralph and Janet Secquer of Mt. Morris, and her maternal grandparents are Reatha and Earl LaFave of Roscommon.

Church Directory

sponsored by the following community minded individuals and businesses

GRAYLING GLASS COMPANY
Ken & Carol Tasker
503 McClellan • Grayling
348-6641

COMFORT CENTER
"We Furnish the Comfort...
the Rest is Up to You!"
The Miracle Mile Grayling • 348-2961

DON KERNSTOCK
LICENSED BUILDER
New Home Construction
Remodeling • Garages
348-8945 • Grayling

MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE
348-6371
201 James, Grayling

GRAYLING BIG BOY
RESTAURANT
Stop in after church for brunch
348-7654
2222 S. Grayling Rd.

NORTHERN APPRAISAL
SERVICE
P.O. Box 436
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-4357

JANSEN INSURANCE
AGENCY, INC.
Complete Insurance Service
348-6711
2370 S. I-75 BL • Grayling

STEPHAN WOOD PRODUCTS
605 Huron • Grayling

DOORWAYS
OF THE NORTH INC.
Garage Doors-Windows
Since 1980
348-5426

HOLIDAY INN
2600 I-75 Bus. Loop South
Grayling
348-7611

MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT
"McDonald's and You"
Breakfast served until
11 a.m. on Sundays
I-75 Bus. Loop Grayling,
Ph. 348-2269

HON. ALTON T. DAVIS
Circuit Court Judge

Christian Science Society
209 First St. • Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Rev. Robert Schoenhals
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Website: www.umc-mi.org
Barrie Pease
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School (Preschool - 2nd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 9:45 am
Children's Sunday School 11 am
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)
Bible Study (Wed) 10:30 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
Camp Annsdale off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovell Community Chapel
(Bible based & non-denominational)
Pastor Rev. Gary Hopp
Associate Pastor-Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovell
989-348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter, Pastor
Daniel Baker, Associate Pastor
6652 (M-72 W) • 348-9093
or 348-3362
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lewis United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
(841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor Gary Wiggins
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-6685
Sunday School 8:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 7 pm
Youth Adult Youth Children (Wed) 7 pm

The Church of Christ with the Bible Message
7652 Kelly Ave. • Pacific
Sunday Worship 9 am

Wheatland Baptist Church
2001 Wheatland Rd. • Wheatland
Sunday Worship 10 am

First Baptist Church
2001 Wheatland Rd. • Wheatland
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"...Let Freedom Ring"
SUNDAY MORNING 10:30 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 am
SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 am
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7 pm
WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1778
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 7 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Youth Group 7 pm
(Van transportation available)

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-2224
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Ottum
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glen Rd. • P.O. Box 1188
Church School 9:45 am
Prayer Meeting 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
1100 N. Kelly, A • 348-7657
Mass: 8:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm

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Mid Week Services (Wed) 7-9 pm
are held at 11550 Bay Road Roscommon
MI 49463
Phone/Fax 989-821-6722 or 989-821-8919
E-mail: resistfollowship@hotmail.com

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Scott Hoffer, Pastor
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8 7:30 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month there is
no service.

Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Stoder
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

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Hearing Loss is not a sign of old age.

Chicago, Ill. - Beltone has announced an interesting free offer to those who have trouble hearing conversation clearly. Beltone will mail a free non-operating model of one of their smallest canal hearing aids to anyone requesting it. The model is not a real hearing aid, but it does show how small better hearing can be. Many hearing problems can be helped. Find out today how Beltone's tiny digital hearing instruments can help you hear better and enjoy life more. The benefits of hearing aids vary by type and degree of hearing loss, noise environment, accuracy of hearing evaluation, and proper fit. So make sure you get hearing help from a name you can trust. Write for your free sample today. Send your name and address to Department 910, Beltone Electronics, 4201 West Victoria Street, Chicago, IL 60646-6772
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CEMETERY

No injuries incurred in fire



Photo courtesy of the Grayling Fire Department

No injuries resulted from the June 19 fire at Madsen's Cabins, located on M-72 west of town. The Grayling City and Township Fire Department fought the blaze for approximately 1-1/2 hours starting at 3:27 p.m. The fire was confined to one-half of one of the cabins with the other half sustaining minor damages. Representatives of the Sheriff's Department, Red Cross and MMR were also on the scene. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Seat belts not worn despite campaign

Three weeks of advertising, intense statewide publicity and special signs denoting safety belt enforcement zones weren't enough to convince more than 34,000 Michigan motorists to buckle up during the recent two-week Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket mobilization.

In Crawford County, Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said during the two-week Click It or Ticket program his officers found 38 seat belt violations in the 174 stops they made. They also found one person driving on a suspended license and 94 speeders.

According to figures reported to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), 34,622 occupant restraint citations were issued between May 24 and June 6. Of

those citations, 33,780 were for unbuckled drivers and passenger, and 842 were for children under age four who were not properly restrained.

Officers also arrested 1,104 motorists for drunk driving and made 3,975 misdemeanor and 715 felony arrests during the mobilization.

More than 21,000 of the 34,622 safety belt citations issued were handed out in one of the 659 safety belt enforcement zones located across the state. This number reflects nearly a 50-percent increase in zone activity over last year.

Michael L. Prince, OHSP division director, said the increase in citations was not unexpected, given that the number of counties conducting enforcement zones

increased from 20 to 48.

"This campaign is measured by our safety belt use rate, not the number of citations issued," Prince said. "Considering the amount of publicity surrounding this effort and the fact that each zone was clearly marked with a sign, this proves what a challenge it is to get motorists to buckle up."

OHSP coordinated the Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket mobilization, providing federal

traffic safety funds for overtime patrols and paid advertising to promote awareness of the initiative.

By providing law enforcement agencies with overtime funding, officers can concentrate on safety belt enforcement without taking away from their day-to-day duties.

A second summer safety belt enforcement blitz is slated for August 27 through September 12.

Drunk drivers may lose independence

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield is warning motorists that even though the temperature is going up, Michigan's drunk driving limit has gone down and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office is cracking down on drunk drivers this Independence Day.

"If you get caught driving drunk, you're going to lose your independence," said Sheriff Wakefield. "There will be no warnings. No second chances."

The new standard is 0.08 blood alcohol content. A driver convicted of a first drunk driving offense faces up to: 93 days in jail, a \$500 fine, 360 hours of community service, six points on a driver's license, and a 180-day license suspension. In addition, convicted drunk drivers will be subject to a new \$1,000 fee for two consecutive years, for a total of \$2,000 in additional costs. Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension.

From June 25 to July 11, law enforcement officials from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office are joining with more than 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies during the "You

Drink & Drive, You Lose" drunk driving crackdown.

"We don't want this popular summer holiday to turn into a tragedy," said Sheriff Wakefield. "It's OK to celebrate, just don't drive drunk. Our officers will be on the lookout for those motorists who shouldn't be behind the wheel."

During last year's July 4 holiday period, 16 individuals in Michigan lost their lives in traffic crashes, two of those fatalities involved alcohol and/or drugs.

In Michigan, nearly 35 percent of traffic fatalities involve alcohol and/or drugs. Although alcohol/drug-related fatalities have decreased in recent years, there were 463 traffic deaths in 2002 where alcohol and/or drugs played a factor.

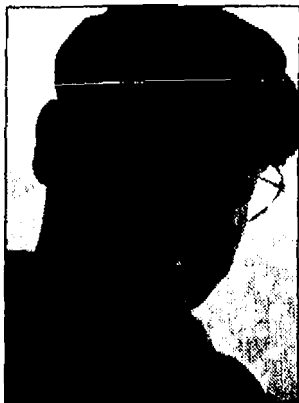
With the increase in the popularity of motorcycles, law enforcement officials are also making a special effort to watch for drunk motorcyclists.

In 2002, of the 82 motorcyclists killed on Michigan road, 24 deaths were the result of a had-been-drinking crash and in 22 of those cases, it was the motorcyclist who had been drinking.

Try enjoying every cigarette you don't smoke

By Ernie Harwell

I'm very anti-smoking, though I did smoke ten to twelve cigarettes a day until quitting in 1954. So I wasn't a real fanatic, certainly not a two-pack-a-day guy.



I'm thankful that it was a habit I didn't need, and I quit cold turkey. Of course, I know quitting is not as easy for many smokers because smoking is very addictive. But it's very encouraging that so many people have quit smoking - or never started.

For instance, when I came to the big leagues in 1948, 23 or 24 players on every 25-man roster smoked tobacco, chewed it or both. Nowadays, the average major league team might have one or two players who smoke. And most players have learned that tobacco chewing can be even harder to quit, because the nicotine gets into your system faster.

So when young people ask me about smoking, I tell them it's far easier - and healthier - to never start, than it will be to quit. For smokers who ask for advice on how to quit, I pass along a novel technique another former smoker once shared with me. He told me that every time he got the urge to smoke, he thought of all the cigarettes he had not smoked since quitting. Each day, the number is greater, and provides greater motivation and pride in having quit.

Using his formula, I'm spending 2004 enjoying the 185,000 cigarettes I did not smoke, since quitting half a century ago.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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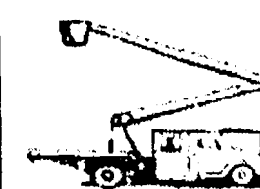
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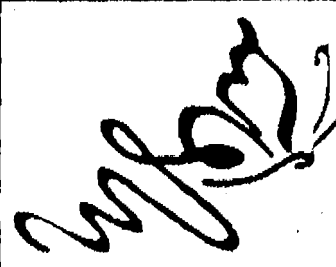
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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

DIABETES & YOUR FEET

Two main diabetes-related problems can affect the feet. Diabetic neuropathy involves damaged nerves in the legs and feet. Patients may not feel pain, heat, or cold if they have sensory diabetic neuropathy. Foot muscles may malfunction due to the nerve damage, creating misalignments and excess pressure on certain areas of the feet. Peripheral vascular disease involves poor blood flow in the extremities. As less blood flows to the feet, any wounds take longer to heal. Both diabetic neuropathy and peripheral vascular disease increase a diabetic's risk of ulcers, which are skin breaks or sores that may easily become infected. Prompt treatment of foot ulcers can prevent serious complications, including amputation. Feet should be washed, dried, and checked for problems each day.

It is estimated that 15% of all diabetics will develop a serious foot condition at some point, including ulcers, infection, or gangrene. As most of these conditions are preventable through regular visits to the podiatrist, we urge all diabetics to consider podiatric care as a very important component in managing the diabetic condition. At GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., we offer a full range of foot care services at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, and we welcome your call, 922-9100 & 800-968-7440, for an appointment. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Athlete's foot, fungal infections, calluses, and ingrown toenails can also create complications for diabetics.

Don't Leave Anything in Your Car You Can't Afford to Lose!



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Leaving a child in a vehicle may be fatal! Even when temperatures are mild (as low as 60 degrees Fahrenheit) a child's internal temperature can rise 3-5 times faster than an adult's. Risk for death can occur in minutes!

What can you do?

- NEVER leave your child or pets alone in a vehicle unattended, even with the window open!
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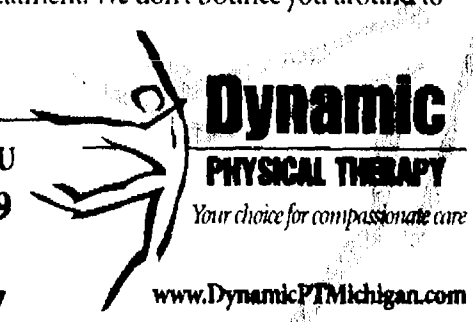
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Opening up the competition

Every year, the federal government buys billions of dollars worth of goods and services. But unlike businesses or individuals in many cases, the federal government is not allowed to purchase the best product at the best price.

As unbelievable as this seems, Federal Prison Industries (FPI), a government-run business employing people in federal prisons, holds an effective monopoly over many products purchased by the federal government. This is the case even though the fundamental tenet of the federal procurement system for the past 20 years has been competition.

Unlike other sellers, FPI gets to decide what products it will sell, which contracts it will get, and even what the price will be. Companies in the private sector that sell the same products as FPI are simply out of luck. No matter how good their products, or how low their prices, they are not allowed to sell to a federal agency unless FPI grants a "waiver" to the agency. Furniture manufacturers in western Michigan have paid a particularly heavy price for the

law that awards federal contracts to FPI without any competition.

In fact, FPI's rules go so far as to prohibit federal agencies from conducting market research to determine whether private industry can offer better products at better prices. The result is that many federal agencies have been forced to purchase products that cost more and perform less well, than products that are available to the rest of us in the commercial marketplace.

In 1984, Congress enacted the Competition in Contracting Act, which I co-authored, to help ensure that federal taxpayers' money is spent wisely. Competition means fairness to companies that would like to sell products and services to their government. It also means better products and better prices for federal agencies and for the taxpayer.

However, due to a glaring exception, Federal Prison Industries has enjoyed an exemption from the requirement to compete for federal contracts.

Three years ago, I took on the

problem of the FPI monopoly over Department of Defense contracts. As the senior Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, I worked to enact two amendments to the annual defense authorization bill permitting private companies to compete against Federal Prison Industries for Pentagon contracts. Congressman Pete Hoekstra worked to pass the amendments in the House of Representatives.

Now, for the first time, Michigan furniture manufacturers and other private sector companies have a fair chance to compete for Department of Defense contracts. If DOD can get an equal or better product at a lower price from the private sector, the law now permits it to buy from the private bidder. The old law prohibited private companies from competing for any federal contract if FPI wanted to maintain a monopoly on that contract.

I am working to open up the contracting process for other federal agencies. In June, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee approved a bill I introduced with Senator Craig

Thomas of Wyoming that would open up competition for contracts to all federal agencies.

The bill would amend federal procurement policy to place private sector companies on an equal footing with Federal Prison Industries when competing for federal contracts. By ending the FPI monopoly on federal contracts, private sector companies will finally have a fair opportunity to compete against FPI for the right to sell products to their own government.

The bill would not end the prison industries program. Federal Prison Industries can continue to compete for any contracts. However, the private sector would now be able to compete as well, and the result will be that the federal government can choose the best product at the lowest price.

Taxpayers deserve the best possible value for federal procurement dollars and ending the FPI monopoly is one step toward that goal.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

AARP takes action to rein in skyrocketing prescription drug costs

The high cost of prescription drugs is an issue that is not going away, in Michigan or anywhere else in the nation. Nor should it, as the outlook is not improving. Prescription drug prices in the United States increased at nearly triple the rate of inflation in 2003, according to a recent AARP study.

This upward spiral has caused financial hardship for Michigan residents, including the 1.5 million AARP members in our state. That's why AARP is addressing the problem aggressively on a broad range of fronts, including three new actions designed to help lower costs — supporting a bill to allow importation and introducing two new tools that help consumers to monitor, compare and evaluate drug prices while pressuring pharmaceutical manufacturers to lower prices.

Recently we announced our support for a new bipartisan U.S. Senate bill that would legalize the safe importation of

prescription drugs from other countries, beginning with Canada. It's an important step forward in our campaign to rein in prescription drug costs. The bill S.2328, is sponsored by Senators Byron Dorgan (D-ND) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and 23 cosponsors, including Michigan's own two senators, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow.

The Dorgan-Snowe bill includes important safety standards urged by AARP, including a system of inspection and tracking of imported drugs, anti-tampering and anti-counterfeiting technologies and labeling safeguards. It also requires importers and exporters to be approved by and registered with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

It would allow consumers and pharmacies to legally purchase safe prescription drugs from Canada within 90 days of enactment and from selected other nations within one year of becoming law. AARP is working aggressively for passage of the bill, which would also prevent the pharmaceutical industry from limiting supplies of drugs to countries and companies willing to export lower-cost pharmaceuticals to the U.S.

Here in our own state, AARP Michigan has introduced a powerful new tool to help consumers shop for prescription drugs. Our website, www.aarp.org/mi, has added a link that provides consumers with comparison information on the safety and effectiveness of the most popular prescription drugs, as well as prices, allowing them to use the information in consultation with their physicians and pharmacists to determine the best drug at the best price for them.

The link on AARP Michigan's website, "Online Tool Can Help You Find Effective and Affordable Prescription Drugs," shows the categories of drugs studied to date, brand names, active ingredients, generic equivalents and average price. Information about the relative safety and effectiveness of drugs for each condition is compiled from unbiased, scientific literature worldwide.

Consumers are advised on the site that they may be able to save money on prescriptions without sacrificing quality by following a three-step process: Read the research material, compare the listed drug prices and consult with their physi-

cians to see if a lower cost drug is right for them. Helping consumers to comparison shop is a significant way to hold prescription drug costs down.

In the same spirit, AARP recently published our first "AARP Watchdog Rx Report," a consumer-friendly newsletter that tracks the costs of popular prescription drugs and provides updates on legal and legislative developments focused on making drugs more affordable. Keeping consumers informed is another way to maintain pressure on the pharmaceutical industry to restrain its pricing. Consumers can sign up to receive the quarterly "AARP Watchdog Rx Report" by calling toll free 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277), or can find and download it at www.aarp.org.

These three new AARP initiatives are just a few of our efforts to make 2004 the year of affordability in prescription drugs. Going forward, we will do all that is necessary to rein in skyrocketing prescription drug costs, including advocacy, education, and when necessary, litigation.

Dr. George Rowan is the state president for AARP Michigan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and

an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows. Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Scouts learn to grow strong



Brownie Troop #2453 participated in the Safe Girls program. Pictured (left to right): Torrey Messerschmidt, Judy Wright, Deanna Carpenter and Erin Messerschmidt participated in the program. Not pictured: Jensen Stephan.

Recently, two local Girl Scout troops participated in "Safe Girls Grow Strong" program put on by the Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay. The program,

held in Gaylord this year, encourages girls of all ages to be strong and safe in everyday life.

The program was broken into

two levels: brownie/junior level and cadette/senior level.

The girls learned pressure points, escape techniques, self defense and increased self-con-

fidence.

All of the girls who participated enjoyed the program and walked away with a lot of "street" knowledge.



Cadette Troop #2311 is shown with Girl Scout director of education and program services, Jason Schoenmeyer and Master Darwin E. Banister, class instructor.

Fishermen on fund-raising tour for the AuSable River

Two fishermen from Michigan are striving to earn the title of "Trout Bums of the Year." The contest sponsored by Fly Rod & Reel Magazine has no connection to the Trout Bums that gather in Grayling every year in late June.

Jordan Lindberg a member of the philosophy department at Central Michigan University and Bryon Anderson a social studies teacher from Holland have teamed up to fish across Michigan during late June and early July.

They are one of five teams selected nationwide to try to earn the coveted title. The object of the contest is to have fun fly-fishing on a strict budget of \$500 for 10 days. To win,

they must file daily reports to the magazine including pictures.

This year's contest has an additional caveat - the teams are to raise as much money as possible along the way for a conservation oriented cause, preferably related to cold-water fishing.

Lindberg said they have been busy soliciting funds and will also be talking to people they meet while fishing about their cause.

The pair has elected to raise money for the Anglers of the AuSable, a local group which was started in 1987, because they have always worked hard to protect the river through their annual fall clean-up as well as their efforts to protect and restore habitat. Lindberg also

cited their efforts as "watch-dogs" for the high quality watershed known as the AuSable River which he said was the most famous river east of the Mississippi River.

If the pair wins the tournament, tournament sponsors Fly Rod & Reel Magazine will donate up to \$2,500 and the Ford Motor Company will donate \$5,000 to the Anglers of the AuSable.

The pair started their 10-day journey June 28 on the Boardman River. On June 30 they will be fishing on the main-stream of the AuSable and on July 1 they plan to fish on the South Branch. They will then head to the Upper Peninsula for five days before returning to the

Lower Peninsula where they will end up fishing the Jordan River on July 9.

Anyone wishing to contribute to their fundraising activities may send a check made out to the "Anglers of the AuSable," c/o Jordan Lindberg, 1197 Queensway Dr., Lake Isabella MI 48893.

COA offers equipment to seniors

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Commission on Aging (COA) has more walkers, commodes and crutches than they need for their loan-closet. The extra items are being offered free to any senior citizens in the

county who need this type of equipment.

Seniors who are interested in getting one of these items should contact Alice Snyder at 348-7123 by July 21.

Any equipment remaining after that will be offered at the

COA rummage sale which will be held July 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and July 24 coinciding with their Marathon breakfast, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will be held at the Senior Center at 308 Lawndale in Grayling.

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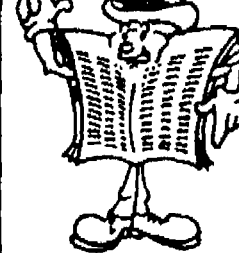
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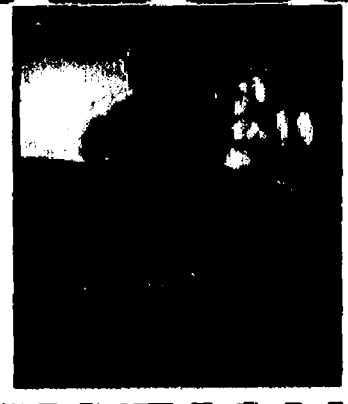
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Childhood obesity and behavior problems linked

In a study that points to the importance of considering both mind and body in children's health, researchers report today that they have found a clear link between childhood obesity and behavior problems.

Results published in the journal Pediatrics show that children who have significant behavior problems, as described by their parents, are nearly three times as likely to be overweight as other children. In addition, children with behavior problems are as much as five times more likely to become overweight later.

The study, done by a University of Michigan behavioral pediatrician and her former colleagues at Boston University, is based on national data from an intensive long-term survey of mothers and children conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor.

"This demonstrates solidly for the first time what we have suspected for years from clinical experience, that there is an association between behavior problems and obesity, and that a child with behavior problems is more likely to go on to be overweight. This is true regardless of socioeconomic status," says lead author Julie Lumeng, M.D., a research investigator at the U-M Center for Human Growth and Development and clinical instructor in the U-M Department of Pediatrics.

"In other words, we can't ignore either the mind or the body in trying to prevent the lifelong health effects from weight problems and mental disorders that start in childhood," she adds. "When interventions aren't

working with a child who is overweight, we need to address his or her mental well-being - and vice versa for kids with behavioral problems."

The study looked at comprehensive demographic, weight, behavior, physical and mental health, education and socioeconomic data from 755 children ages eight to 11 years old, and their mothers.

All were taking part in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, which sends interviewers to participants' homes on a regular basis over many years. Because they used this data source, Lumeng and her colleagues feel they have compiled the largest and most representative study of children's behavior and weight to date.

The children in the study were classed as overweight if their body mass index (BMI) was at or above the 95th percentile. Children were described as having behavior problems only if they were in the 90th percentile nationally for their score on the Behavior Problems Index, a standardized behavior rating scale completed by their mothers.

The association between overweight and behavior problems was clear in data from the 755 children assessed in 1998. Data from 639 children interviewed both in 1996 and 1998 showed the higher risk of later obesity in normal-weight kids with behavior issues.

Lumeng and her colleagues stress that the majority of the overweight children in the study did not have a major behavior problem - only that there was a

significant correlation between the two. Twenty-one percent of the children with behavior problems were overweight, as opposed to 11 percent of the children without behavior problems.

But with one in five American children between the ages of six and 11 years now considered overweight and an increasing awareness that childhood behavioral problems are a predictor of adult mental health issues, she says the finding should be a wake-up call to parents, teachers, and physicians.

Everyone involved with a child's growth and development should consider physical health and mental behavioral health linked in some way, she says, and address problems with an eye toward both. When a school counselor alerts a parent to a child's learning or attention problem, for example, or a physician notes an unhealthy weight gain, they need to help parents get a thorough evaluation of a child's overall mental and physical health. And, Lumeng observes, the health insurance and health care system needs to find a way to integrate both kinds of care.

In both analyses, the researchers were able to see the clear links between the two conditions even after correcting for such contributing variables as a child's gender, race, poverty status, television habits, use of behavior-modifying medicines and educational history and factors relating to the mother's obesity status, smoking habits, marital status, education and depression score.

"After all of these were

accounted for, we saw a clear independent association," said Lumeng. "Children with behavioral problems were three times as likely to be overweight at the same time and five times more likely to be overweight in 1998 if they had been normal weight in 1996."

Armed with these strong suggestions of some direct link between behavior problems and overweight, Lumeng says the next challenge is to understand what's going on.

Genetics, as well as a family's cultural and home environment, are known to play a role in the tendency of children to become overweight, and researchers are exploring how brain chemistry, sleep habits and home environment affect behavior and learning. Meanwhile, social research is looking at how stigmas or lifestyle changes from being overweight, or from having a diagnosed or undiagnosed behavior issues, affect children.

For example, Lumeng says, children who are depressed are often less active, or may console themselves with food, which may set them up for weight gain. And overweight children may develop anxieties or social interaction problems because of self-consciousness or teasing about their weight. But only further research will show for sure.

Lumeng and her colleagues have also embarked on another, study looking at national data on the height and weight of children in child care over time, to see if there are any positive or negative correlations with care outside the home.

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Retiree fetes retiree

Retiring Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) board member Marilyn Rosi wishes retiring CASD executive secretary Jean Schwalm well at Rosi's final board meeting held June 21. Schwalm has also been the recording secretary for the school board for several years. Rosi is retiring after 12 years on the board and Schwalm is retiring after 25 years.



Kirtland board member resigns

Carole Duquette Kuehn has resigned from the Kirtland Board of Trustees, effective June 23, in order to take a job out of state with her husband, Norm.

Her place on the board for the final two years of her term was taken by Patricia G. Webb, the incumbent who lost her bid for re-election earlier in the month.

"I have enjoyed being a member of this board and participating in the positive developments and continued growth of the college,"

Kuehn said in her letter of resignation to college President Dr. Charles Rorie. "I have been privileged to serve the good people of the district for a total of 10 years and am humbled by the trust they placed in me."

Kuehn, of Roscommon, was to begin a one-year tenure as the board's chair in July, replacing Jan Farmer. Her resignation was accepted, with regret, by the board at its regular meeting on June 24.

"Carole Kuehn has been an outstanding board member," Rorie said. "The college will feel her loss keenly."

Kuehn did not attend Thursday's board meeting. Nor did outgoing member A.J. Wilder, who did not seek re-election.

The board voted unanimously, 5-0, to fill Kuehn's vacancy with Webb, whose bid for re-election on June 14 was derailed when some of her nominating petitions

failed to meet election criteria and were tossed out. She was forced to run as a write-in candidate and earned 255 votes, last among the seven candidates running for three open seats.

Retired former Dean Richard Silverman, Farmer and Roberta Werle were the top three vote-getters.

New members Silverman and Werle will be sworn in at the regular board meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. July 15.

Kirtland House reclaims old name

ROSCOMMON -- The meeting place of choice for Kirtland and many of its community constituents is taking a new name. Actually, Kirtland House is reclaiming its old name.

Known in recent years as the Conference Center and the Continuing Education Center, Kirtland House has been renamed to better reflect its purpose, Ed Koliba, Kirtland's chief business and financial officer, told the board at its meeting Thursday.

Often described by college President Dr. Charles Rorie as "the living room of the college," Kirtland House is the former residence of college presidents, which is now used to host a wide variety of meetings and seminars.

"We think the name reflects the warm, inviting environment that people have when they come here," Koliba said.

In other action, the board:

• Awarded plaques recognizing the service to the college of outgoing board members A.J. Wilder

and Patricia G. Webb, though moments later Webb was reappointed to the board to serve the remaining two years of Carole Kuehn's term. Kuehn resigned the day before; her husband has accepted a job out of state.

• Bestowed emeritus status to Richard Silverman, the former dean of instruction who retired after 34 years.

• Heard an enrollment report from Stacey Barnes, dean of student services, who said headcount for the summer term was

803, down 4.4 percent from last summer, but credit hour enrollment is 3,479, up 5.5 percent from last year.

• Heard an enrollment report on the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord from acting Provost Doty Latuszek, who said the high-tech facility has 152 students this summer, an all-time high. They include 50 students from Roscommon High School who are taking M-TEC modules, some of them replacing credits they need for graduation.

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Mercy Hospital Grayling offers Health Education Opportunities

The following Mercy Hospital Grayling health education opportunities have been listed for July:

Free Sugar and Blood Pressure Screenings at Mercy Hospital Grayling on July 5 from 8 - 10 a.m. For more information, call (989) 348-0455.

Diabetes Support Group at Mercy Family Care - Roscommon on July 7 from 1 - 2 p.m. and Mercy Hospital Grayling on July 20 from 10 - 11 a.m. For more information, call (989) 348-0455.

CPR-Adult (American Heart Association) at Mercy Hospital Grayling on July 14 from 6:30 - 10 p.m. This course is designed for the general public and not intended for health care professionals. Cost is \$24. Pre-registration required. To register, call

(989) 348-0888.

Giving Birth in the 21st Century: During a four-week series, relaxation, breathing, and pain management techniques are taught. Cost is \$40 and will be held at Mercy Hospital Grayling on July 20 and 27 from 7 - 9 p.m. To register, call (989) 348-0599.

Heart Health and Fitness Program/Exercise Class held at Mercy Hospital Grayling on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. Cost is \$4.50 per session. To register or for times of classes, call (989) 348-0371.

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Us Too Prostate Cancer Support Group: New support group for prostate cancer patients and their loved ones will meet at Mercy Hospital Grayling on July 19 from 7 - 8 p.m. For more information, call (989) 348-6610.

Type 1 Diabetes Support Group for individuals with Type 1 diabetes and are under the age of 25 will meet at Mercy Family Care - Roscommon on July 21 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. There is no cost. For more information, call (989) 348-0455.

Healthy Relationships: A Series for Women. To register, or for locations and times, call (989) 348-3169.

Physician joins Mercy Family Care

Mark Dibbet recently joined the staff of Mercy Family Care as a specialist in Family Medicine. Dr. Dibbet will practice at Mercy Family Care in Roscommon. Dr. Dibbet is currently accepting new patients and will start on August 16.

A graduate of the Michigan State University of Human Medicine, Dr. Dibbet completed his residency at MidMichigan Regional Medical Center in Midland. Dr. Dibbet has been serving as a family physician in the Air Force for the past several years including time in the Middle East caring for our deployed troops in 2003.

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Dr. Mark Dibbet

OMH launches Freedom From Smoking Clinic

GAYLORD - If you want to quit smoking, Otsego Memorial Hospital's (OMH) Freedom From Smoking (FFS) Clinic is here to help you. It is intended for people who benefit from group support in their effort to quit smoking.

"Having others who are going through the same stages you are helps conquer the habit," said Darla Edwards, Certified FFS Instructor. "We meet weekly and twice on Quit Week in order to hold each other accountable and talk about the various aspects of quitting. This program is designed to give smokers the tools they need in order to quit smoking."

The next FFS Clinic is 7-8:30 p.m., July 8-August 12, 2004 in the OMH Boardroom. The cost to attend the clinic is \$40.

Educational topics within the clinic include nicotine replacement, support services, alternative behaviors to smoking, and helpful tips for quitting and staying on track.

Businesses that are interested in an on-site clinic with a group rate may call for more information.

While the clinic offers a structure and environment for quitting, it remains the responsibility of the individual to quit smoking and achieve their own Freedom From Smoking. The program is individualized to the needs and interests of each participant, giving them the highest level of benefit possible, clinic organizers said.

"This clinic gives both patients, community members and medical providers an addi-



Darla Edwards

tional option when striving to quit smoking," said Edwards. "This program provides us the opportunity to expand our services to better meet the needs of the surrounding communities."

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Several times last year blood could only be supplied for emergency use - particularly when needs involved type O-negative because there was a nationwide shortage of blood.

While about 60 percent of the general population is eligible to donate blood, only five percent actually do so.

At the special type O blood drive on April 30 held at the Grayling Knights of Columbus Hall Barbara Polisky earned her 2 gallon pin and Michael Wargo earned his 9 gallon pin.

At the community blood drive held May 5 at the Grayling American Legion Hall there were 76 donors with five new donors and nine people who have donated anywhere from one to six gallons over time.

The next drive will be held Wednesday, July 7 at the American Legion Hall. The drive begins at noon and continues until 5:45 p.m.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, in good general health and weigh at least 110 pounds.

July is 'Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan' Month

Munson Healthcare has set aside July as "Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan" month. "Let's Get Moving" is a wide-ranging fitness program designed to encourage adults, children, long-time exercisers, and especially newcomers-to-exercise to set personal fitness goals and begin exercising on a regular basis.

Health care providers across 18 northern Michigan counties are teaming up with the Fitness Council of Northern Michigan in collaboration with local sponsor organizations and city governments to develop this annual program to reduce the incidence of sedentary related diseases in area communities.

Taking the lead in promoting those events are Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Leelanau Memorial Health Center in Leelanau County, Mercy Hospital Grayling in Crawford County, and Mercy Hospital Cadillac in Wexford County.

Taking part in Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan is fun and easy to do. Participants simply record the number of miles they walk. If you're not interested in walking, equivalent points are awarded for other activities, including swimming, dancing, gardening, golf and more. Credit can also be earned for participants who eat healthy or quit smoking.

The program encompasses the 100 days of summer and registration is ongoing. For a list of 14 registration sites and more information, go to www.lgmm.org. Everyone who participates is eligible for prizes that are provided by local sponsors. Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan will continue through Labor Day, when final miles will be tallied.

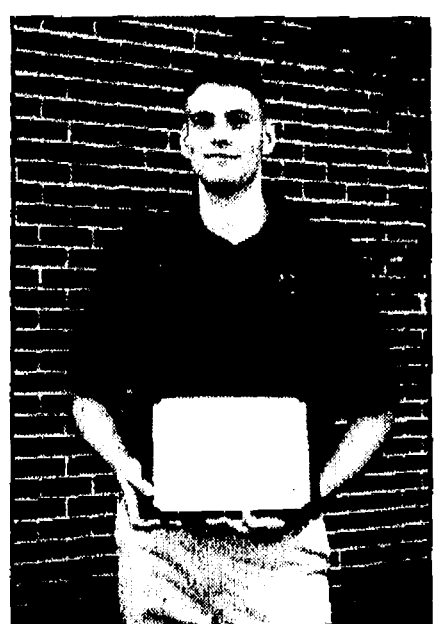
Whether you join the organized effort or not, increasing your daily activity is extremely good for your health. You don't have to join a gym to improve your fitness. You can increase your activity level in small ways, from parking your car further from the store, to walking your dog an extra block or two. Remember to stay well hydrated during any exercise or exertion.

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HONORS



Jeffrey T. Pasternak

Jeffrey T. Pasternak, a 2002 graduate of Grayling High School, recently graduated from Withalachoee Technical Institute's Law Enforcement Academy in Inverness, Florida, and passed certification in the State of Florida.

He is the son of Dawn and Don Miljare and Paul Pasternak, and grandson of Gerald and Sharron Gabriel.

Central Michigan University

The following students from Grayling have been named to Central Michigan University's spring honors list:

Melissa H. Duvall, Todd A. Gaffke, Joseph R. Guild, Kenneth J. Heinlein, Tiffany M. Kercher, Timothy D. Ormsbee and Darci L. Trudgeon.

These students earned a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher grade point average during the spring semester that ended in May.

Hillsdale College

John McNamara, a junior

Biology major at Hillsdale College, was named to the dean's list for the 2004 spring semester.

John is the son of Michael and Beverly McNamara of Grayling, and is a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School.

Lake Superior State University

Rebecca Hunt, of Grayling, a political science major, has been named to Lake Superior State University's Spring Semester dean's list.

To make the dean's list, students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Michigan Technological University

More than 1,000 students were placed on the spring 2004 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University, earning grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The following students from our area were honored: Scott A. Latusek, Junior, of Frederic, Chemical Engineering; Michael P. Latusek, Senior, of Frederic, Chemical Engineering; Megan E. Donaldson, Senior, of Roscommon, Chemical Engineering.

Missouri Valley College

During Missouri Valley College's 115th Commencement Ceremony, held May 8, 2004 on Gregg-Mitchell Field, one hundred and seventy four graduates were awarded bachelor's degrees.

Marianne Vollmer, of Grayling, was among the scholars who joined the distinguished ranks of Missouri Valley College alumni.

Missouri Valley College is a small, private, 4-year liberal arts college located in Marshall, MO.

Northwestern Michigan College

The following students from Crawford County have been named to the dean's list for the Spring Semester 2004 at Northwestern Michigan College: Ryan Casey and Carolyn Hellebuyck.

The dean's list recognizes outstanding academic achievement of full-time students who do unusually well in their studies. The list includes the names of those students who have achieved a current grade point average of 3.5 or above out of a possible 4.0.

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Northern Michigan University

Deanna C. Fleischmann, of Grayling, received her M.A. in English/Writing from Northern Michigan University in May 2004.

University of Michigan Flint

Nickole Hatley, of Saginaw, was named to the College of Arts and Sciences dean's list for the Winter 2004 semester.

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Nickole is a 2002 graduate of Grayling High School.

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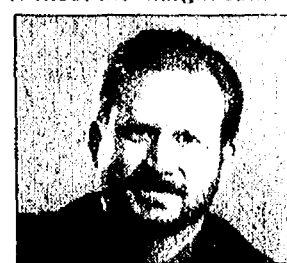
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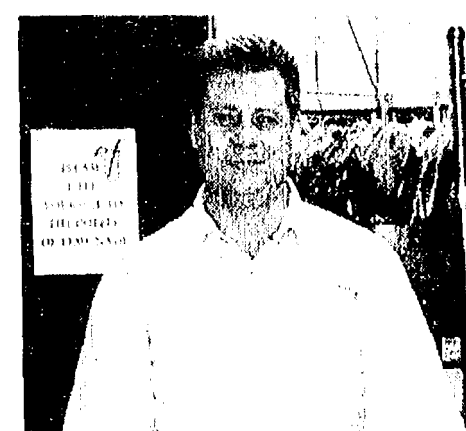
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Tanya E. Rice, announces the birth of her son, Daniel James, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on June 10, 2004 at 9:05 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 13 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.

Rebecca and Arthur Goudie, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Chelsea Anne, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on June 10, 2004 at 10:20 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz. and measuring 19 inches long.

Tina Garcia and Juan Ramos, of Grayling, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Avery Elisabeth, born on June 17, 2004 at 9:04 a.m., weighing 5 lbs., 6 oz., and Lily Vawn, born on June 17, 2004 at 9:06 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 3 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches long, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Mistie Lee Kaika and Jason Allen Near, of Roscommon, announce the birth of their son, Jason Allen, born at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on June 19, 2004 at 3:31 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz. and measuring 18 3/4 inches long.

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Local students named to National Honor Roll

A group of twelve local students qualified for induction into the 2003-2004 National Honor Roll, a publication that recognizes high-achieving middle and high school students.

Students from the area inducted to the National Honor Roll are Bethanie M. Hulbert and Jessie Mooneyham of Frederic attending Grayling High School; Brady Ward of Grayling attending Grayling High School; Kathleen McKee of Higgins Lake attending Roscommon High School; Derek James

Bradley of Roscommon; and Nicholas Burger, Amanda M. Geaslin, Jessi Harden, Heather Ann Herzberg, Allison Horky and Jeffrey Katalenich of Roscommon attending Roscommon High School.

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits which can contribute to the success of the its student members. National Honor Roll has set aside \$100,000 to be shared among 100 of its qualifying inductees from the 2003-2004 school year. All members are entitled to compete for one of these National Honor Roll Awards for Academic Achievement, which will be awarded in September.

By taking advantage of

National Honor Roll's College Admissions Notification Service, high school inductees can notify the admissions offices of as many schools as they wish that they have been inducted into the National Honor Roll and that they are interested in obtaining information about those colleges. A copy of the student's biography is sent to the colleges along with notification.

Each state Governor and U.S. Senator receives a complimentary copy of the National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition, along with a list of the students from their state who have been inducted into the National Honor Roll. Complimentary copies are also sent to selected school

libraries across the country.

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after receiving information about their academic performance. Each student is asked to submit information about his or her GPA, interests, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible. Sixty-six percent of the inductees in the 2003-2004 National Honor Roll averaged an A- or better; 34 percent averaged B through B+. Thirty-one percent were seniors (Class of 2004), 31 percent were juniors (Class of 2005), 22 percent sophomores (Class of 2006), 15.7 percent freshmen (Class of 2007), and 0.3 percent were middle school students.

MCTU named outstanding partner

At the quarterly meeting of the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited held in Grayling June 26, Kelly Smith of the Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources presented the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited with an Outstanding Partnership Award.

According to Smith, the Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited (MCTU) and its Executive Director Rich Bowman have been strong advocates for Michigan's coldwater resources for many years.

MCTU was cited for helping

to develop and implement new trout and salmon regulations. He added they were "heavily engaged in the Nestle groundwater issue," spent hours helping with the Natural River designation of the Pine and Upper Manistee Rivers, and have made available a tremendous amount of financial, as well as hands on, support for habitat rehabilitation projects.

Smith added that the Council has also been instrumental at the legislative level by helping to defeat or at least mitigate poor legislation and rally support for the passage of good legislation.

He said that MCTU stood tall and professionally defended its positions even when under duress and direct attack.

He said the Council has helped to ensure the protection and rehabilitation of Michigan's fabulous coldwater resources. The efforts of the council have always been to advocate for the protection of aquatic resources. Smith added that the Fisheries Division greatly appreciates the timely assistance of, the collaboration with, and the hard work undertaken by the Council to "make our coldwater resources better than anywhere in the nation."

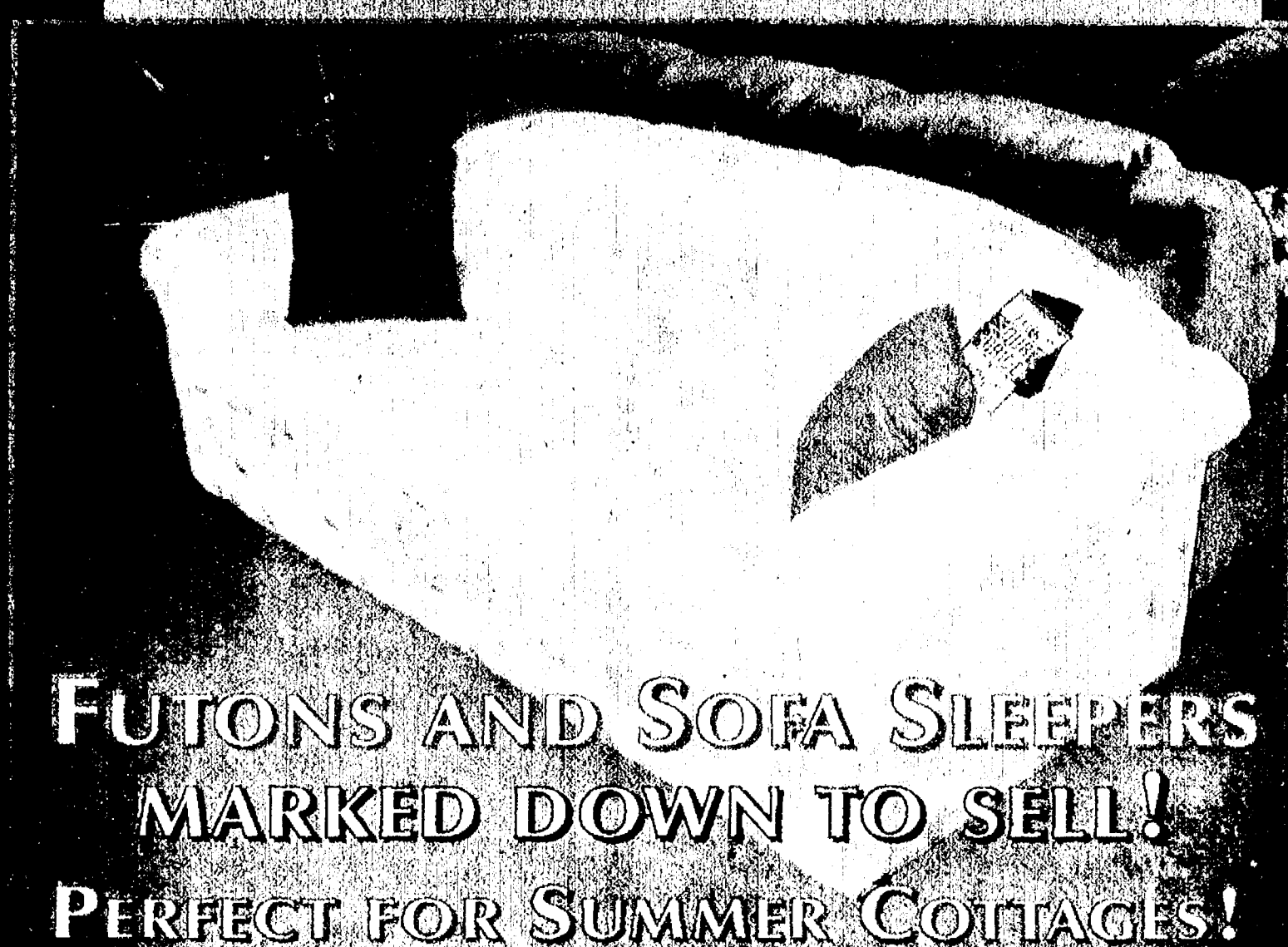
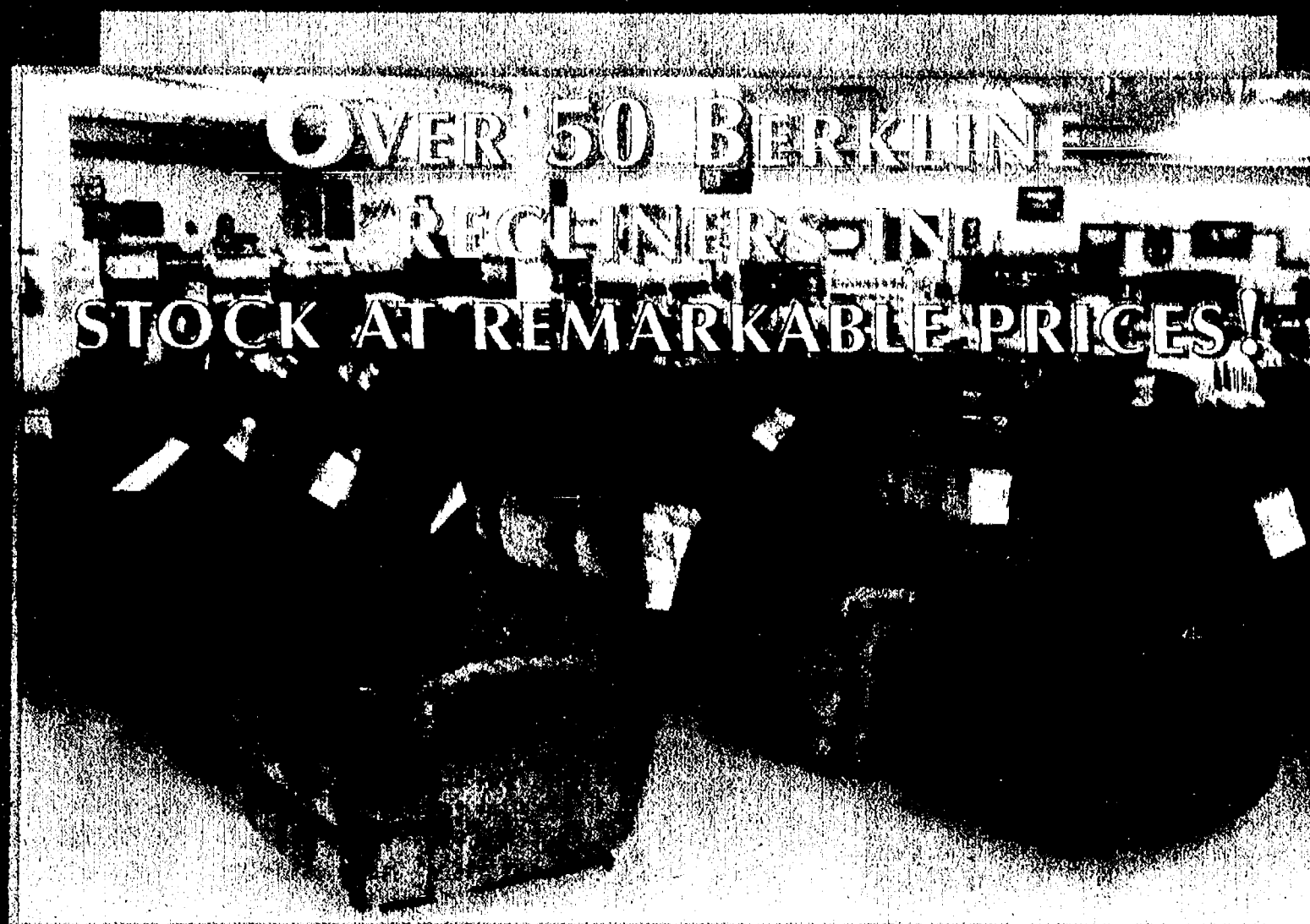
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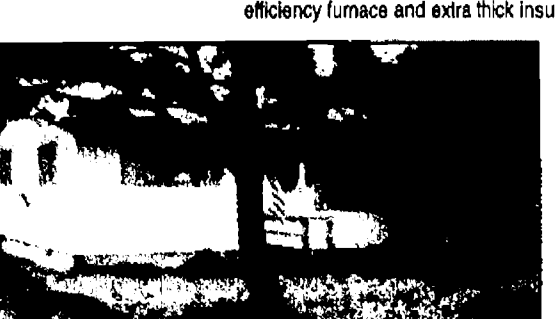
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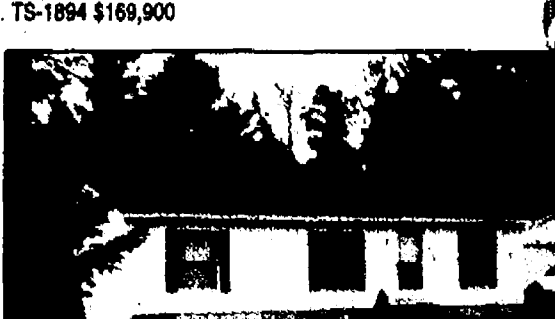
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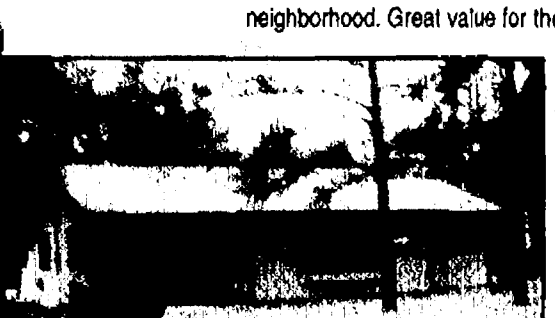
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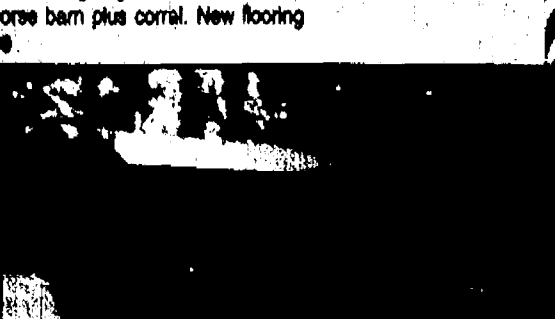
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Walkers pace the track on Saturday morning. More participants joined throughout the day, totaling about 90 walkers.

Relay for Life a source of hope

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Dozens of Crawford County residents put on their walking shoes on Saturday, June 26 to participate in the annual Relay for Life, hosted by the American Cancer Society.

"We just want to help the people that aren't as fortunate as us," said Grayling resident Erik Olson. Fourteen teams showed up to support the event, with approximately 90 walkers attending overall.

"You're having fun and raising money for a good cause," said chairperson Marilyn Heard, who was instrumental in organizing this year's relay. Participants in

the Relay for Life use their own money and outside sponsorship to generate money in support of the walk. Several teams representing local businesses were present.

The event started with an opening ceremony at 10:00 a.m. Saturday and ended at the same time on Sunday morning. In total, walkers raised over \$12,000.

"It was just a nice, peaceful time," said Heard. At night, "luminaria" lined the track. These are sand bags with candles used to light the way on the track in the darkness. The luminaria were placed by the walkers and represent those who are strug-

gling or have struggled with cancer. This year, 320 luminaria lined the Grayling High School track.

At 5:30 p.m., Grayling High School cheerleaders put on a pep rally for cancer survivors who were at the event. Meals were provided by Pizza Hut at 6:00.

"We enjoy being out here and talking to other people," said Sandra Vradenburg, whose husband, Don, is in remission, and whose son, Matthew, is currently struggling with cancer. All three made a special effort to walk the track.

"I think they need to push (the relay) more often," said Don Vradenburg. This is the sixth

year the relay was held at the Grayling High School track.

Many teams and individuals walked the track throughout the night, setting up tents nearby so they could take breaks for sleep.

One participant who literally went the extra mile was Grayling resident Chris Secord, who made it his goal to top his previous walking record of 36 miles. This year, he showed his support for cancer research by walking 160 laps around the track during the twenty-four hour period, equaling 40 miles.

All money raised at this event benefits the American Cancer Society for the specific purpose of cancer research.

Underage driver's spree involves three departments

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erratically toward town.

The van was intercepted by a sheriff's patrol car near Mikado Street where the patrol car blocked the van's forward progress. The van then hit the patrol car, pushed it out of the way and sped through the intersection of M72 and I-75 Business Loop South, crossed the railroad tracks and turned left into the Pizza Hut parking lot where it hit a car. The car, with its two occupants who had just left the restaurant, was shoved into the building. The occupants suffered minor injuries and left shortly after the accident.

The van then continued through the parking lot and back

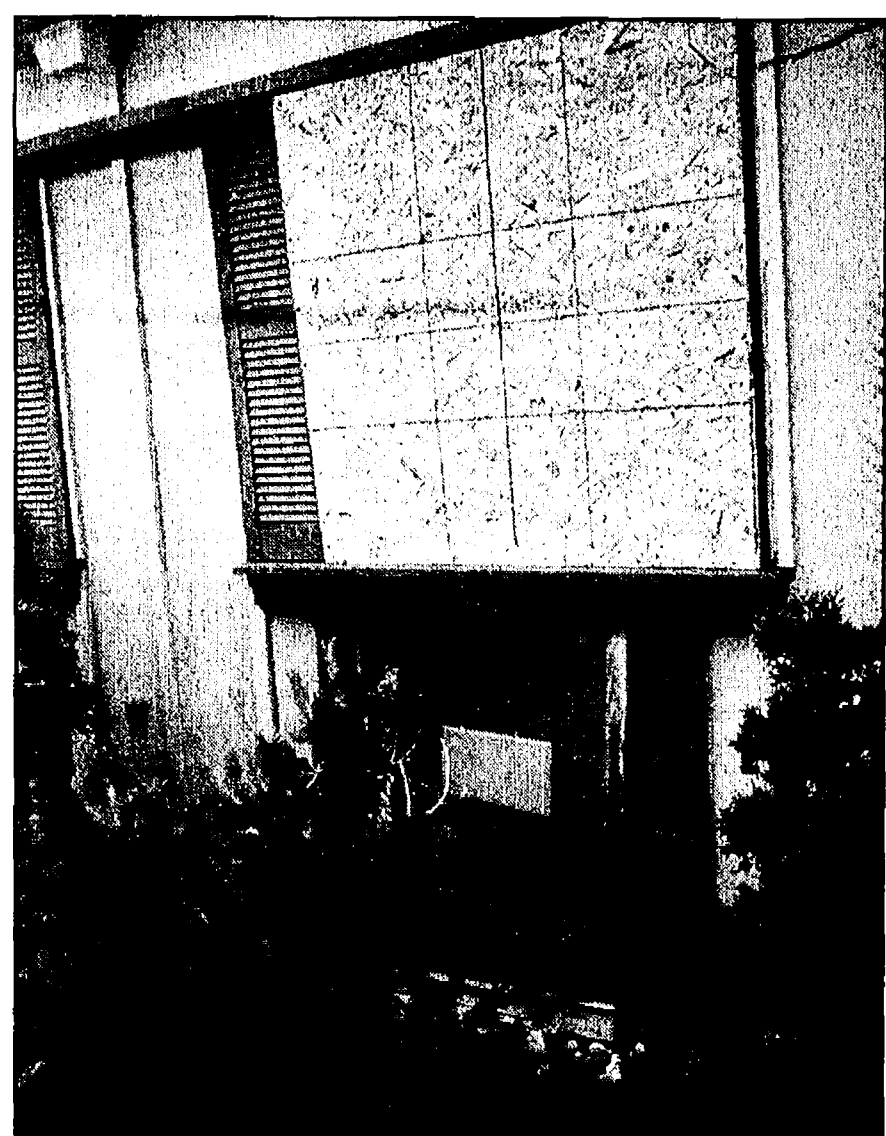
out onto M-72 this time headed east where it continued to swerve erratically down the road. By this time both Grayling City Police and the Michigan State Police had joined the chase.

The van's front left tire blew out approximately 1.5 miles east of town. The driver continued on driving on the rim for about 1/2 mile where the van ended up on the shoulder short of Staley Lake Road.

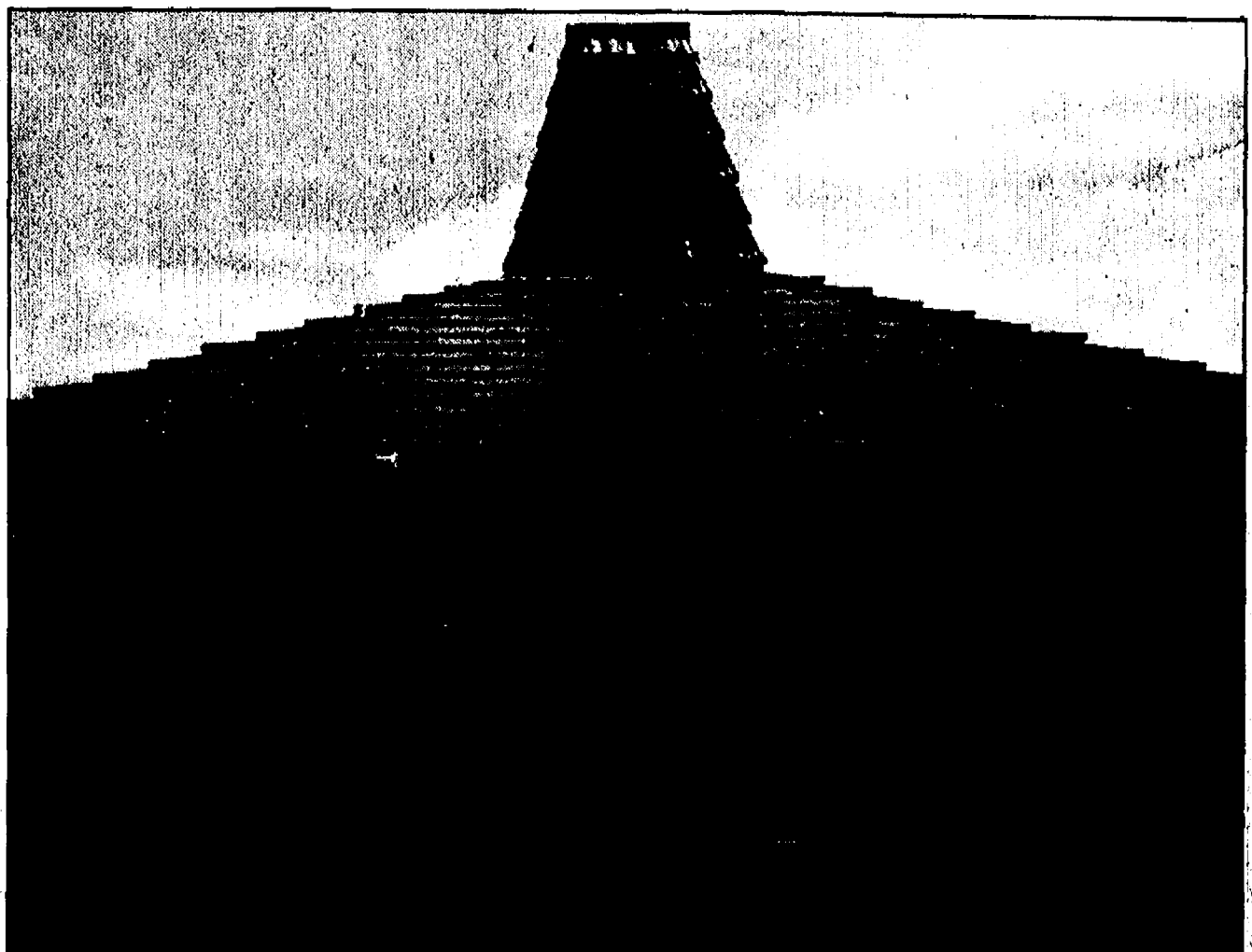
The two juvenile male occupants, both Crawford County residents, were apprehended. The ten-year old driver was charged with unlawful driving away of an automobile, and fleeing and eluding. He was sent to the Muskegon River Detention Home. His preliminary hearing will resume on July 1.

The eight year old passenger (the driver's brother) was not charged.

Due to the ages of the children their names have not been released.



A van driven by a ten-year-old struck a parked car which was pushed into the Pizza Hut building shattering the window. It also shoved the table just inside, into the next table with enough force to cause the second table to be moved several feet. The owners of the car had just gotten into their car after leaving Pizza Hut at the time of the accident. Luckily no one was seated near the window at the time of the accident.



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French and British troops battle on Crawford County soil

Wellington Farm Park hosts historical war re-enactment

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

There was open warfare in Crawford County on June 26 and 27, with guns blazing and bodies dropping to the ground. Luckily, no one was hurt.

It was a French and Indian War re-enactment at Wellington Farm Park, with participants giving spectators a chance to immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of American history.

"It's the most fun you'll have doing nothing," said Leo Terrian, a re-enactor from Mackinaw City. Most of Terrian's role involved sitting around and talking to spectators. He played the part of a Native American at the event.

Visitors had the opportunity to explore realistic French, British and Native American camps at the park grounds. Each camp was filled with enthusiastic participants who had detailed knowledge of the war and the people involved.

"It's fun to be in the battles and educate the public," said Brent Kemmer, a sixth grade teacher from Houghton Lake who played the commander of the British forces. "Major" Kemmer has been participating in these re-enactments for 21 years. He founded the Massachusetts Provincial Battalion twelve years ago. It is one of the many clubs from

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British soldiers prepare for battle. Re-enactors stayed in character throughout the event, providing useful information for visitors. These soldiers are discussing the tactics they will use to combat the French.



A combined force of French and British troops charges the crowd at Wellington Farm Park's French and Indian War reenactment. This was done to give spectators a better understanding of what it would have been like to face an infantry rush. This was one of the many highly interactive aspects of the event.

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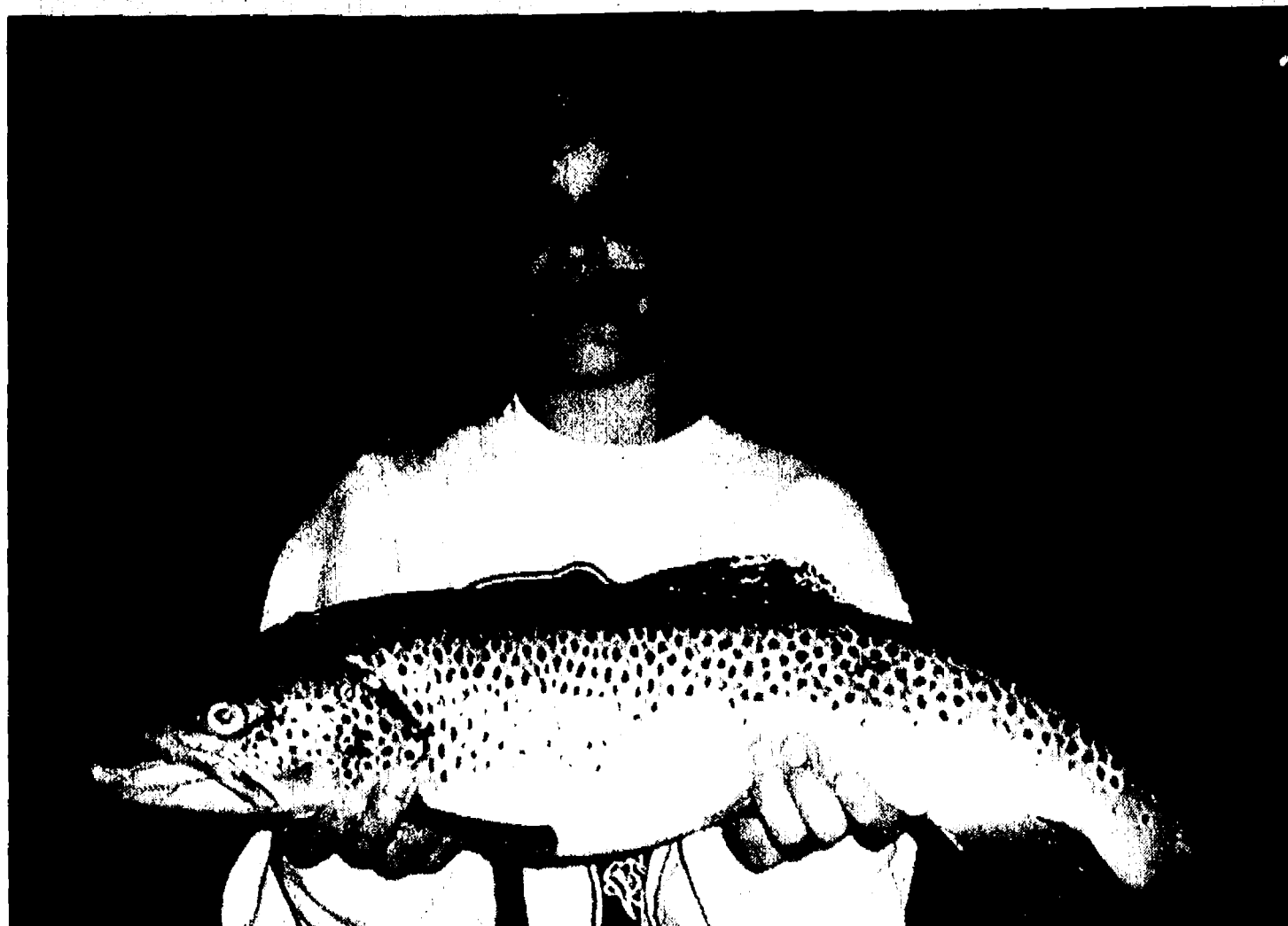
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GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB

Submitted by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

What a beautiful sunny day we had on Wednesday, June 23, for our "Rally for a Cure" Day. About 50 women golfed in this event that was co-chaired by Sherry Hanson and Nancy Glasslee.

From the beginning of our day, quite a few gals came very early to decorate and set up. It looked so beautiful with pink geraniums on every table, pink and white balloons and pink placemats and napkins. The geraniums were later raffled off.

Also as an added decoration, was a beautiful quilt hand-made by Diane Heinz which had pictures incorporated on it of many northern Michigan survivors. This quilt won an award last year, then was displayed in Washington, went to Florida and downstate and is a beautiful piece of work.

After we had our coffee and doughnuts, purchased our mulligans and bought raffle tickets, we went out and started our play at 9:30.

Our play for today was a scramble and in 1st place was the team of Bev Ludeman, Lynn McConnell and Kathy Olson with a 35.

In 2nd place there was a three-way tie of 37 between the teams of Dottie Gleffe, Jody Hinkle, Joann Michal and Joy Turko; the team of Carol Gust, Bev McNamara, Gloria Neilson and Deanne Weiss; and the team of Evie Kent, Jeanette Kitchen and Sally McNamara.

In 3rd place was the team of Carole Batway, Dianna

Doremire, Lyndra Hetrick and Corrine Smith with a 38.

There were also individual prizes given out which were won by these gals:

#1 - Longest drive in the fairway: Carol Gust; #2 - Longest Putt: Corrine Smith; #3 - Closest to the pin: Carol Gust; #4 - Longest drive in the fairway: Lynn McConnell;

#5 - Closest to the pin: Bev McNamara; #6 - Closest to the pin on the 3rd shot: Balkis Shippy; #8 - Closest to the pin on the 3rd shot: Diana Doremire; #9 - Longest Putt: Treva McClanahan

Our "Rally" hole was #7 and a golf ball was given to everyone who put it on the green, but the one who was closest to the pin received a "Ping" putter and the lucky person was Lynn McConnell.

My husband Paul, kindly watched, monitored and measured all the hits on this hole. It was appreciated and it was great of you to come in at the last minute.

We then had a nice lunch of potato soup or chicken with rice, a great taco dip and chips and make your own sandwich buffet with a decorated cake for dessert.

Nancy Glasslee, then recognized all for participating in this worthy event and that what makes it so special is that we had four survivors golfing along with us, so we know our contributions are truly making a difference in the fight against breast cancer. Each year this event gets a little bigger.

That's all "fore" now.

GRA MEN'S SOFTBALL

Grayling Recreation Authority Men's Softball League results for week #6:

On Tuesday, McClain & Son split with SMK. McClain & Son won the first game of the double-header 8-5 and SMK took the second game 15-14. On Wednesday night, 2 Track Inn defeated Kodiak 15-3, 20-10. American Legion had a bye for

the week.

Current League Standings:

Team	W/L
McClain & Son	9-3
2 Track Inn	8-4
Kodiak	7-5
SMK	7-5
American Legion	5-7

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Grayling Little League hosts tournament

Grayling Little League hosted its Annual Father's Day Major League Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. Four area teams — including West Branch, Lake City, Roscommon and Grayling — participated in the double elimination event.

West Branch beat Roscommon to take home the trophy for the second year in a row. Grayling defeated Lake City by one run in the consolation round to finish third.

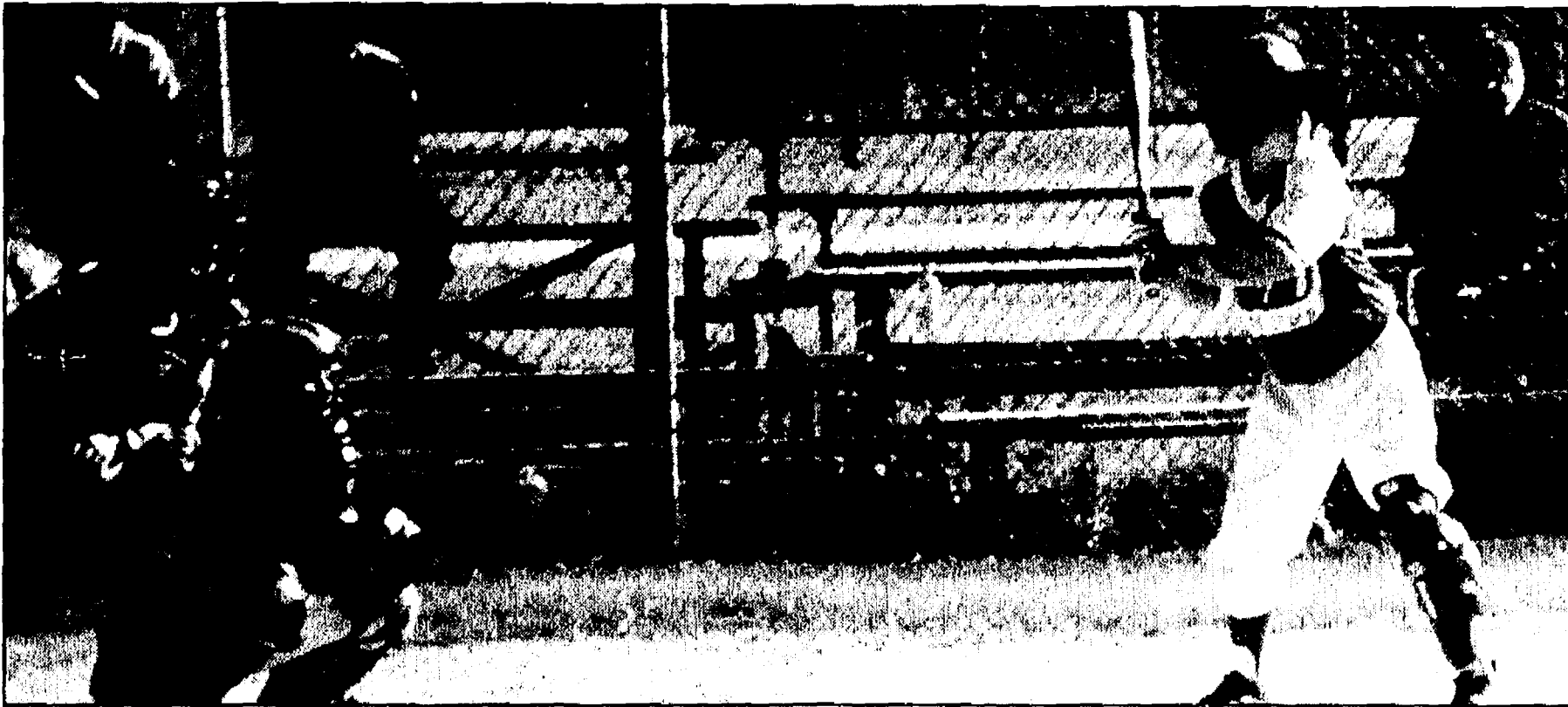
Grayling is hosting an All-Star tournament for 9-10 year old players beginning on Tuesday, June 29 at Millikin Field. Games are also scheduled for Thursday, July 1, and Friday, July 2. Teams include Grayling, Gaylord, and Traverse City West.

The public is welcome at all games; there is no admission charge.

Grayling's major league all-stars are playing in a tournament at Lewiston this week.



Head Coach Rob Aubry talks strategy with runner Zach Wolcott.



Kyle McQueen bats for Grayling vs. West Branch.



Mykel Revord takes first after a hit.



Jake Helsel waits on first base.

Soccer Camp to be held July 12-16

Challenger British Soccer Camp open to youths age 4-18

The British are coming! Challenger British Soccer Camp is coming to Grayling for a youth soccer training camp on July 12-16.

The camp, sponsored by Crawford AuSable Soccer Association, will be held at Hanson Hills. It will offer programs for all skill levels for players ages 4-18.

A Mini-Soccer session is being offered each morning of the camp for children ages 4 (by July 12, 2004) and 5. This 1.5-hour session is designed to introduce youngsters to the game of soccer through use of fun games and skill-building activities. (The cost is \$68 for the week.)

Half-day camps are being

offered for children ages 6-9 in the morning and 10-14 in the afternoon. The half-day camp will emphasize individual skill development, teach the fundamental tactics of the game, and work on goal scoring through scrimmages and small-sided games. (The half-day camp costs \$90 for the week.)

A full-day camp is being offered for more serious soccer players and is restricted to children ages 10-18. Players will focus on game-related techniques, tactical development, and coached match play. (Cost is \$135.)

Each camp registrant will receive a camp T-shirt, a Euro style soccer ball, camper award, free trial issues of Sports Illustrated for Kids, and a chance to interact with British soccer coaches.

For more information or to register, visit www.challenger

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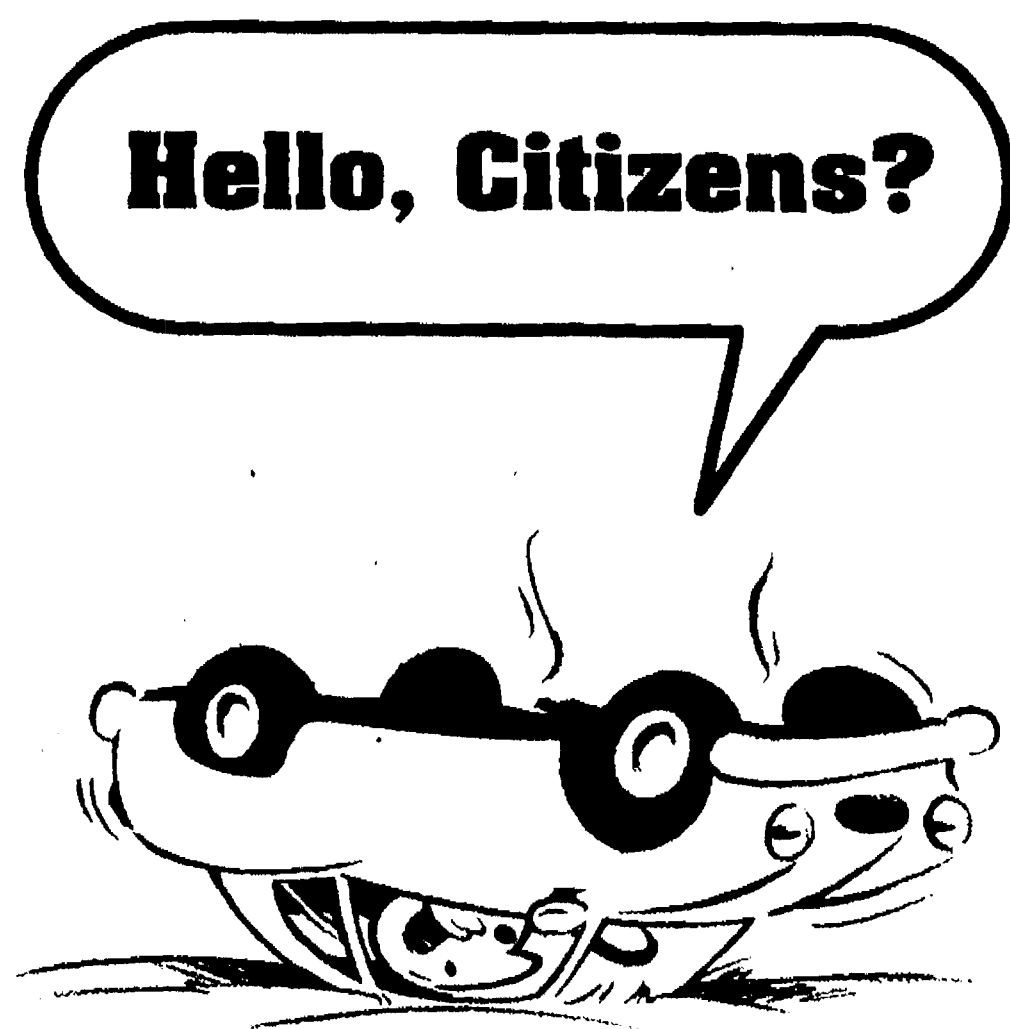
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Charles Kroll autographs the biography he wrote of his father-in-law, Fred Bear. Kroll was a bow hunter for 55 years, but gave up hunting when Bear died in 1988. Kroll still enjoys shooting at targets, however, and got plenty of practice at the Jamboree.

Michigan Traditional Bowhunters Jamboree honors memory of Fred Bear

by Matt Seager
 Staff Writer

To outdoor enthusiasts throughout the nation, Fred Bear is nothing less than a hero. On June 26-27, bowmen from across Michigan gathered in Grayling to celebrate the sport that he was so crucial in popularizing. The

Michigan Traditional Bow Hunters Jamboree attracted approximately 500-600 shooters to Hanson Hills for the two day event.

"It's almost sacred ground to bowhunters," said Michael Deppe, vice-president of Michigan Traditional Bowhunters. For decades, Grayling was the home of Fred Bear, one of the most famous hunters of all time. Bear died in 1988, but his memory is a powerful part of Grayling's heritage.

"This is the purest aspect of bow hunting. This kind of archery has been around for thousands of years," said Deppe. The Jamboree is unique in the sense that it focuses solely on longbows and recurve bows, thus excluding the compound bows that first became popular in the 1970s.

"We're not your stereotypical bow hunter. It's how you take the animal that's important," said Deppe. Many in the bow hunting community feel that the use of traditional bows adds a challenge to the sport and makes the hunt more fair. "It's an extreme challenge," said Deppe.

Fortunately for those who are willing to take up that challenge, the Jamboree offered a variety of activities that were sure to sharpen the skills of newcomers as well as veterans. Shooters tested their talents on a 3-D course with life sized animals. They also took shots at animal silhouettes, which were hand painted by club members. For those looking for an extra challenge, there were aerial shoots where bowhunters took shots at papier-mache targets which were launched into the air. Additionally, a canoe shoot allowed hunters to test their talents from the water.

For many attendees, however, one of the greatest attractions had nothing to do with the events. Charles Kroll, son-in-law of Fred Bear, was present to enjoy the Jamboree and sign autographs.

"This is my hometown range.



Brenna Sharp of Sault St. Marie practices with her bow on the children's range. Her father, Randy, guides her as she takes the shot. "These are the friendliest people you'll see," said Randy Sharp, commenting on the people who attended the event.



Bow hunting enthusiasts explore the goods offered by various vendors. Several bow makers, called bowyers, were present at the Michigan Tradition Bowhunters Jamboree this year.

I get to see a lot of my friends from around the country," said Kroll. Kroll bow hunted for 55 years, and went on many hunts with his father-in-law. He moved to Florida with Bear and his bow company in the 1970s, but returned to Grayling after the death of his wife, Julia. Kroll has now been living in Grayling for three years. He emphasized the importance of traditional archery.

"Traditional archery is true archery," said Kroll. He believes that the use of classic longbows or recurve bows makes for a better hunt. Kroll also gave his sup-

port of the Jamboree and the mindset it encourages. "You don't necessarily have to be a hunter to enjoy it," said Kroll.

"This is a great place to get started if you have any interest at all in this," said club President Keith Dentel. He noted that the Jamboree has become a major family event in recent years. Kids as young as three and four years old could be seen with their bows. There were challenges that were set up specifically for children, such as a balloon shoot on a short range course.

Attendees in need of new equipment were in luck, as several vendors sold bow hunting related goods at the event. Bowyers such as Great Northern, Northern Mist and Thunderstick Archery were present. There were also specialized dealers selling used and antique equipment for collectors.

"This facility has everything we need," said Dentel. The Michigan Traditional Bowhunters Jamboree has been held at Hanson Hills for eleven years.

Many shooters are sure to attend the event annually. When Charles Kroll was asked if he would return next year, he said, "Oh yeah. I'll be here."

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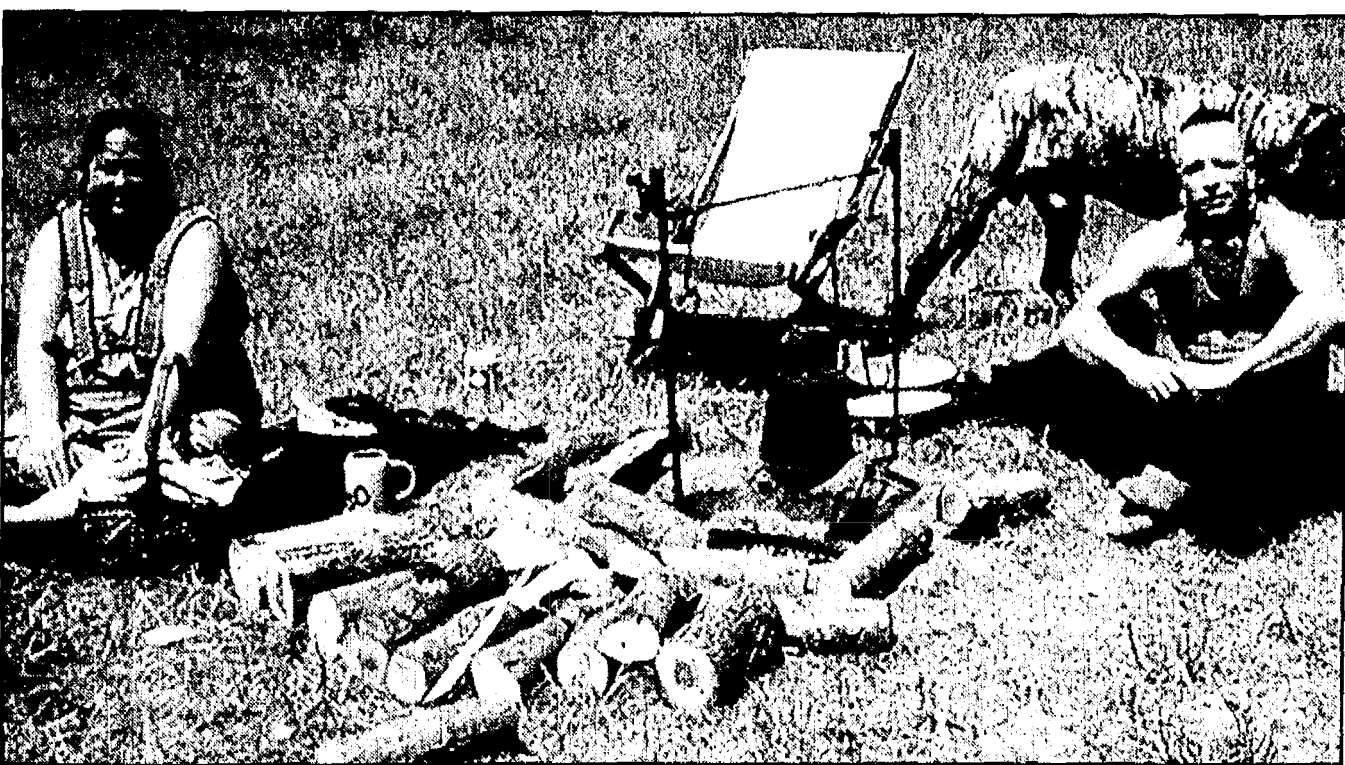


French soldiers march onto the field of combat. The French won Saturday's battle and lost on Sunday. Their outfits are highly authentic, accurately reflecting clothing of that period.



A Frenchman explains the history behind materials in his camp to curious spectators. Many re-enactors expressed the importance of sharing the knowledge of American history with park guests.

French and British troops battle on Crawford County soil



A pair of American Indian re-enactors relax around the campfire. Native Americans fought alongside both the British and the French in the French and Indian War, although they were most often aligned with the French. They would often trade with French trappers for goods and luxury items.

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across the state that participate in events of this kind each year.

"The most rewarding thing for me personally is when I see my troops. It's kind of like an extended family," said Kemmer. This is usually the most rewarding thing for the spectators as well, especially when they see the troops fight in battles.

French and British forces fought mock battles on Saturday and Sunday, impressing onlookers with authentic guns, uniforms and tactics. In Saturday's battle, French and British soldiers skirmished on a grassy plain near the British encampment. The British advanced in formation to meet their enemy, with the French responding by taking cover and attempting to flank the British soldiers. In the end, victory went to the Frenchmen, who chased the retreating British off the field. The victor was determined by a coin toss before the skirmish.

"The cannons are the best. (This is) definitely a fun way to spend the summer," said 10 year old re-enactor Kurtys Hopkins.

Although there were not any cannons at this particular re-enactment, soldiers did use real muskets, minus the live ammunition.

The spectacle was hosted by Howard Taylor, President of Wellington Farm Park. Taylor provided wagon rides and opened up the entire park to visitors. He also provided historical background information to onlookers during battles.

"I like educating people on the way it really was," said Terrian, who made a special effort to clear up false notions about American Indians in that time period. Re-enactors were happy that guests would have the chance to enjoy themselves while learning about their American heritage.

Events of this sort attract diverse people from all over the nation. Re-enactors include everyone from dish washers to attorneys, according to Kemmer. Many travel to different re-enactments nearly every weekend during the spring and summer. Some drove for as long as seven hours to attend the re-enactment.

The French and Indian War

broke out in 1754 and lasted until 1763. Both sides had Native American allies, who were known for unexpectedly changing sides. The war resulted in the expulsion of the French from British colonial territory.

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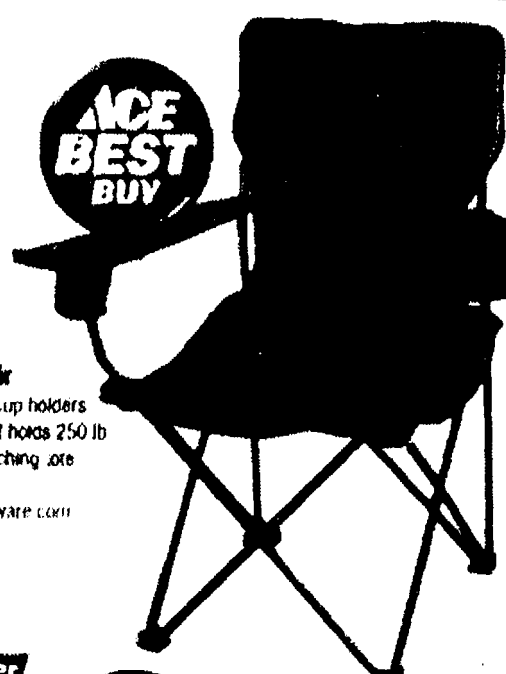
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MERRITT SPEEDWAY

MERRITT, June 19 – For the second week in a row, the Pro Truck feature event went from green flag to checkered without a single caution. In less than 10 minutes, Scott Payton of Gaylord collected his second feature win of the season in the Pro Truck Feature. Payton is in the points lead despite an opening night rollover during time trials that left out of the first night action.

Merritt Speedway was set up for three-wide action with drivers finding traction anywhere on the track.

"It was a lot of fun racing out there," Payton said in the winner's circle. He said he plans to run dirt for a couple of years before returning to asphalt racing.

Payton was followed across the finish line by Matthew Saxton of Houghton Lake, Ron Hill of Mikado, Jeff Hubbard of Manton and Louie Peterson of Irons. Heat wins went to Payton and Dick Stout of Prudenville. Last year's street stock champion, Justin McNeill of Gladwin, set fast time for the pro trucks with a 16.38. Gary Eisenga of Marion won the fast four dash followed by Payton, Steve DeKam of Falmouth, and McNeill.

LATE MODEL

The Late Model Feature kept fans on the edge of their seats as they watched Lake City's Eric Spangler try repeatedly to find his way around Rail Rokos of Traverse City. Several top drivers headed to the pits early in the race, including 12-time champion Frank Seder of Alger.

Announcer Leo "Chief" Pego told the crowd Seder confessed earlier in the night that this may be his last season racing.

Rokos and Spangler were approaching traffic and racing

side-by-side when Gaylord-driver Brent Banning's late model slowed to a stop just outside of the pit gates. Banning retired to the pit after problems with his front suspension.

At the restart, Rokos was in the lead, followed by Spangler, Dave Hadfield of Grawn, and Donnie Marcoullier of Houghton Lake.

Spangler wasted no time moving to the inside of Rokos, but Rokos pulled ahead. Spangler moved to the outside and again, Rokos retained the lead. Back on the inside in turn one, Spangler moved side by side with Rokos, taking the lead as the duo rounded turn four with 11 laps remaining to the feature.

Rokos tried to dive under Spangler in turn one, but he tangled with a buried tire that defines the infield from the racing surface. His front tire was ripped from his machine bringing out a caution and ending Rokos's night.

Spangler picked up the win despite tough competition from Hadfield as the laps counted down. Hadfield finished in second ahead of Marcoullier, Bruce Vance of Midland and John McDonald of Muskegon.

"You can run low. You can run high," Spangler said of the track. "It was really fun to race tonight."

Brent Banning and Chad Foster of McBain won the semi-feature events. Heat wins went to Mark Tossey of Cadillac, Bruce Vance of Midland, Mike Nichols of Bitely and Spangler. Frank Seder won the fast four dash ahead of fast-qualifier Marcoullier, Hadfield and Phil Hendershott of Houghton Lake.

MICHIGAN MODIFIED

Bill Hutson of Edmore picked up the win in the Michigan Modified feature event. Hutson and Dan VanHaitsma, of Lake City, had a close call when the two were leading the event by several car lengths, but came together bringing out a caution. Both were able to continue relatively unharmed, but it could have been messy.

Hutson crossed the checkered line ahead of Chad Bauer of Farwell, Jimmy Weishuhn, of Coleman, VanHaitsma, and Dave DeKam of Falmouth.

Mark Kurth set the fast time. Brent Banning won the fast four dash ahead of Kurth, Weishuhn and Hutson. Semi-feature wins went to DeKam and Bob

Kingen of West Branch. Heat wins went to Tony Gokey of Buckley, DeKam, Kingen and Bauer.

STREET STOCK

For the fourth time in a row John Wilkosz of Manistee picked up the Street Stock feature win. This time he finished ahead of Bill Myers Jr. of Houghton Lake, Rick Urbach of Roscommon, Glen Girard of Lincoln and Mark Edwards of Bellaire.

Wilkosz would have certainly have lost the feature if not for a well-timed caution flag. Wilkosz had a big lead on the field and was moving through lapped traffic. After Myers obtained second place, he quickly moved in on Wilkosz and passed him in traffic taking the lead with three laps to go.

But three cars got together in turn two bringing out the caution and restarting the field at the last full lap with Wilkosz in the lead.

"Billy snuck up on me in that lapped traffic," Wilkosz said after the race. "If that yellow hadn't come out, he would have won it."

Semi-feature wins went to Jim Billet of McBain and Greg Grahek of Cadillac. Heat wins went to Urbach, Girard, Myers and Matthew Christiansen of Fruitport.

MERRITT, July 26 – A large number of Late Model pit crews will be busy this week repairing damage on dented and broken vehicles. An eight-car pile-up ended the night for a number of the non-winged late model feature before drivers were even able to complete a lap in the 20-lap event.

The red flag flew while track officials cleaned up the mess. The #60 car of Donnie Marcoullier of Houghton Lake took a hard hit in the pile-up. Track officials removed Marcoullier's bumper, hood and side fenders so he could continue the race.

The late model feature was for drivers who didn't suit up for the outlaw show. A number of top drivers failed to sport a wing Saturday night, including both Marcoulliers, Eric Spangler, Chad Foster, and Mark Kurth.

The cautions continued to flow. In a winner's circle interview later that night, Rail Rokos of Traverse City condemned the late model drivers and the damage inflicted.

"They're all trying to win it

on the start," Rokos said. His non-winged late model was one of the vehicles damaged in an early, no-laps-yet caution.

Chad Foster of McBain won the feature event ahead of Dona Marcoullier of Houghton Lake, Mark Kurth of Gaylord and Donnie Marcoullier.

LATE MODEL OUTLAW

Fans filled the stands to watch the winged Late Model Outlaw show. Twenty-three late model drivers donned the wing and took to the track Saturday night.

Mike Fenske of Midland timed in fastest with a 12.86 lap in the winged Outlaw division. Frank Seder of Alger won the fast-four dash ahead of Rail Rokos, Fenske and John Schneider of Rhodes.

David Hilliker of Midland had a chance to start on the outside pole, but he turned down the premium starting position for a ninth place start instead.

A caution early in the race ended the night for Brent Banning of West Branch and Dave Hadfield of Grawn. After a couple of false starts, the Outlaws found their pace on a single file restart with John McDonald of Traverse City in the lead.

Terry Hill of Mikado and Willard VanHaitsma of Lake City both blew motors during the outlaw show.

Seder quickly moved up into the field and challenged McDonald for the lead, taking it on a restart in turn four. When Seder claimed the lead, Hilliker was back in eighth position. He moved to the inside of Don Hawley to claim seventh and continue his way to the front.

Unchallenged, Seder pulled away from the field gaining a quarter-lap lead over second place. Seder began moving through lapped traffic as Hilliker claimed fourth from John Schneider on the outside.

With two laps remaining, Hilliker went on the inside of McDonald for third. Seder remained way out front as the white flag flew. Hilliker went to the outside of Rail Rokos for second place just in time for the checkered flag.

"We're happy to be here tonight," Seder said after the race. Seder was also the winner at the Outlaw show in Cherry Speedway on Friday night. Hilliker was the Outlaw winner at Mount Pleasant on Friday

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LANSING — Governor Jennifer Granholm recently signed House Bill 5029 into law, establishing the first mourning dove hunting season in Michigan in nearly 100 years. Michigan becomes the 41st state with an established dove hunting season.

House Bill 5029 authorizes the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish a dove season as regulated by the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC). Michigan United Conservation Club (MUCC) worked with the NRC and the Governor's office on a compromise implementing a three-

year pilot season followed by a study of hunters' effect on the dove population.

MUCC expects the first dove season to take place this September in a seven county area along Southern Michigan's border. In accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data, the organization expects hunting will have little effect on the abundant bird's population.

"After three decades, the Governor and the Legislature have accepted the tenants of sound science," said MUCC Executive Director Sam Washington. "Through her action today, the Governor has

once again indicated her commitment to conservation and the issues sportsmen care about most. Offering a restricted hunting season is common practice in Michigan and will allow our hunters to experience their first dove season without traveling to another state."

NRC Chairman Keith Charters has indicated establishment of a dove season will be on the Commission's July agenda. The DNR is currently under a court-ordered injunction which must be lifted before a dove season can occur, but is already in the process of making this happen.

Hunters participating in the

dove season must acquire a \$2 dove stamp in addition to a small game license. A portion of the stamp's revenue will be set aside for game and non-game wildlife habitat acquisition and improvement. Dove hunting is enjoyed by 2.5 million Americans in 40 other states.

MUCC has represented the views of millions of conservationists since 1937, with over 500 affiliated clubs whose mission is uniting citizens to conserve Michigan's natural resources and protect our outdoor heritage. For more information, visit www.mucc.org.

MERRITT SPEEDWAY

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at Mount Pleasant on Friday night.

Justin Robinson of Shepherd won the semi-feature in the Outlaw event. Heat wins went to Robinson, Larry Aldrich of Beaverton, Chad Foster of McBain, David Hilliker, and Bruce Vance.

MICHIGAN MODIFIED

The Michigan Modified drivers went from green to checkered without a single caution flag in their 25-lap feature event.

Roger Steig of Reed City lined up on the pole next to Mark Kurth of Gaylord.

Kurth went for an early lead and began to pull away as Steig unsuccessfully fought off challenges from Chris Brindley of West Branch and Jimmy Weishuhn of Coleman.

Three-wide battles were taking place further back in the field and Kurth was unchallenged when he pulled the #00 car into the pits, giving the lead to Weishuhn. Kurth's vehicle made it behind the pit grand stands before stopping. He'd dropped his drive shaft just off the track before turn four starts, right by the exit to the pits.

Weishuhn took the lead and didn't look back as Steig continued to battle with Brindley for second. Three drivers went side by side battling for fifth place. Jerry Bazuin of McBain made his way up through the field to take third and then went inside Steig for second place.

Weishuhn had more than a quarter-lap lead over Bazuin and kept going. Weishuhn was all alone on his side of the track except for the two slowest cars. The rest of the field was bunched up on the other side of the track with strong challenges for position from all.

Bazuin started reeling Weishuhn in, but the white flag flew before he got far. Weishuhn crossed the finish line a full straight-away ahead of second-place Bazuin. It was the first ever feature win for Weishuhn. West Branch's Brent Kingen finished in third place.

Robbins of Mount Pleasant and Dave DeKam of Falmouth picked up the semi feature wins. Heat wins went to Weishuhn, DeKam, John Taylor of Mount Pleasant and Jeff Leggett of Traverse City. Brent Banning won the fast-four dash ahead of fast qualifier Rich Robinson Jr. (15.92), Bob Kingen of West Branch, and

Bob Hammar of Cadillac.

STREET STOCKS

The Street Stock drivers also made the feature event from green flag to checkered without a caution. Jeff Holmes of Cadillac won the feature event and ended the winning streak of John Wilkosz of Manistee.

Holmes finished with a large lead and three lapped cars between him and second place Matt Christiansen of Fruitport, followed by Glen Girard of Lincoln, Bill Myers Jr. of Houghton Lake and Rick Wilson of Williamsburg.

Semi-feature wins went to Brad Siddall of Manton and Ken Gutowski of Manistee. Heat wins went to Mark Edwards of Bellaire, Ron Clay, Jim Billett of McBain and Bill Myers Jr.

PRO TRUCKS

Saturday night saw one of the best ever pro truck feature events. For years, Matt Saxton of Houghton Lake and Ron Hill of Mikado have dominated the pro truck series, but this year they have their hands full with some strong challengers.

Russ Hacker started on the pole in the feature event, but his motor blew before the event ended.

David Schram of Evart and Steve DeKam of Falmouth put on a strong show, with Schram leading most of the laps in the event. For most of the race it was a side by side battle for first followed by a side by side battle for second with leaders losing the challenge only to take the lead right back again.

With less than 10 laps remaining, a caution came out. Schram remained out front followed by DeKam, who has been driving Schram's brother's truck this season. Behind them were Matt Saxton, Scott Payton of Gaylord, Ron Hill and Jeff Hubbard of Manton.

At the restart, Hubbard moved to the outside of Hill as Saxton moved to the inside of DeKam while Payton looked to the inside of DeKam. Saxton was the only one successful taking second, but DeKam took it right back on the inside. Saxton and DeKam went side by side as Payton looked to the inside of DeKam.

Saxton claimed second and Payton moved to third with five laps remaining. Hill looked to the inside of DeKam, but was unable to move up. Saxton looked to the outside of leader Schram without success as DeKam tried the outside around Payton with no luck.

As the laps dwindled down, Saxton again moved to the outside of Schram without success, but then dove down to the inside and gained the lead in turn two and Payton followed him to second place.

DeKam moved to the inside of Schram to challenge for third place.

At the checkered flag, Saxton was in the lead followed by Payton, Schram, Hill and DeKam.

In the winner's circle, Saxton said, "David definitely deserved to win. I just got a quick break and was able to get around him."

Heat wins went to Russ Hacker and Ron Hill. Scott Payton picked up the fast-four dash ahead of fast qualifier Matt Saxton (16.52), Justin McNeil of Gladwin and Jeff Hubbard.

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having a central angle of 31°35'20" and a
long chord of 116.35 feet bearing
S58°40'10"E; thence S42°52'30"E 33.0
feet to the Northwesterly boundary of the
recorded Plat of South Branch Ranch

Unit No. 2; thence S48°29'W along said
boundary 180.0 feet; thence
S18°41'20"W 80.0 feet to the point of
beginning. Said plat consists of 22 lots
numbered 1 through 22 inclusive and con-
tains 15.73 acres.

The Plat of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2

South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2 being
parts of the SE 1/4, the East 1/2 of SW
1/4, the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4
of the NE 1/4 of Section 3, T25N, R2W,
South Branch Township, Crawford
County, Michigan; Commencing at the
SE corner Section 3, T25N, R2W, South
Branch Township, Crawford County,
Michigan; thence N89°40'30"W along
the South Section line, 1391.6 feet to the
point of beginning; thence continuing
N89°40'30"W along said section line
1569.8 feet; thence N47°31'40"W 288.24
feet; thence N26°35'40"W 220.0 feet;
thence N5°59'20"E 690.0 feet; thence
N10°32'20"W 86.45 feet; thence
N30°31'20"W 360.0 feet; thence
N25°09'20"W 155.55 feet; thence
N0°09'20"W 170.0 feet; thence
N86°15'40"E 156.75 feet; thence
Northeasterly 600 feet on the arc of a
curve to the right said curve having a
radius of 237.06 feet, a central angle of
14°30'00" and a long chord of 59.72 feet
bearing N0°07'40"E; thence N81°15'W
156.8 feet; thence N8°E 150.0 feet; thence
N30°03'E 234.3 feet; thence N9°13'30"E
105.0 feet; thence N2°11'30"E 379.65
feet; thence N18°41'50"E 120.0 feet;
thence N48°29'30"E 310.9 feet; thence
N88°11'30"E 457.4 feet; thence
S83°51'30"E 355.0 feet; thence
N83°17'30"E 489.9 feet; thence
S41°49'30"E 254.2 feet; thence
S26°42'30"E 150.0 feet to the North line
of recorded plat of South Branch Ranch
Unit No. 1; thence along said plat line
S52°56'W 204.5 feet to the Easterly right-
of-way of Westview Trail; thence
Southeasterly along the arc of a 484.45
foot radius curve to the right 85.0 feet,
said curve having a central angle of
10°03' and a long chord of 84.75 feet
bearing S16°08'30"E; thence S78°52'W
66.0 feet; thence S11°08'E 41.4 feet;
thence S74°W 210.0 feet to the Westerly
line of said plat; thence along said
Westerly line S16°06'30"E 698.4 feet;
thence S25°23'E 191.3 feet; thence
S36°47'E 500.0 feet; thence S50°14'E
205.0 feet; thence S17°21'W 120.0 feet to
the North right-of-way of Lariat Lane;
thence S72°44'E along said right-of-way
144.85 feet; thence S17°01'W 66.0 feet to
the South right-of-way of Lariat Lane;
thence N72°44'W along said right-of-way
145.15 feet; thence S17°21'W 150.0 feet;
thence N72°49'W 90.0 feet; thence
S20°17'W 85.0 feet; thence S1°13'30"E
235.0 feet; thence S4°03'E 182.1 feet;
thence S7°27'W 270.0 feet to the point of
beginning. Said plat contains 170 lots
numbered 119 to 288 inclusive, 2 private
parks named Chaparral Park and
Peacemaker Park and contains 123.1
acres.

Upon consideration of the Complaint
of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the
Defendant EDWARD J. WALTON'S
address is unknown, and that therefore
service upon Defendant of the Summons
and copy of the Complaint in this action
cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it
appearing to the Court that the Defendant
can best be appraised of the pendency of
this action by publication of this Order in
a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the
Defendant, EDWARD J. WALTON, shall
file his answer with the Court and serve a
copy of his answer on the law offices
BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC, by
Gerard F. Brabant, Attorney for Plaintiff,
whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O.
Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take
such other action as may be permitted by
law on or before the 12th day of August,
2004. Failure to comply with this Order
may result in a judgement by default
against the Defendant, EDWARD J.

WALTON, for the relief demanded in the
Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a
copy of this Order be published once each
week for three consecutive weeks in
Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a
copy of this Order be posted once each
week for four (4) weeks in the Crawford
County Building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a
copy of this Order be posted at the above
described parcel of land at a location vis-
ible from the nearest public road and
access.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the
first publication of this Order be made
within 14 days from the date of entry of
this Order.

Date of Order: 6/17/04
S/Alton T. Davis
(P-24472)

Honorable Alton T. Davis
Circuit Court Judge

-1-8-15-22

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6805 DE
Estate of Perry James Fremont, Jr.,
deceased

Date of birth: 05/03/1934

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Perry James Fremont,
Jr. a/k/a Jim Fremont, who lived at 3265
Timberlane Trail Grayling, Michigan
49738 died 04/23/2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified
that all claims against the estate will be
forever barred unless presented to Joseph
W. Fremont, c/o David R. Sabin, named
personal representative or proposed per-
sonal representative, or to both the pro-
bate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave.
Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/pro-
posed personal representative within 4
months after the date of publication of
this notice.

Date: 6-17-04

David R. Sabin P19822

115 Michigan Avenue

Grayling, MI 49738

989/348-5588

Joseph W. Fremont
11674 Sandy Bottom Drive
South Lyon, MI 48178

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-
TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A
DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE
OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT
PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR
OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF
YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY
DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may
be rescinded by the foreclosing mort-
gagee. In that event, your damages, if any,
shall be limited solely to the return of the
bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has
been made in the conditions of a mort-
gage made by David Burr, a single man,
original mortgagor(s), to Washington
Mortgage Company, a Michigan
Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December
22, 1999, and recorded on June 26, 2001
in Liber 539 on Page 356, and assigned
by said Mortgagee to Altegra Credit
Company, a Delaware Corporation as
assignee by an assignment dated
December 28, 1999 recorded on June 26,
2001 in Liber 539 on Page 366, in
Crawford county records, Michigan, on
which mortgage there is claimed to be due
at the date hereof the sum of Sixty
Thousand Nine Hundred Five And 50/100
Dollars (\$60,905.50), including interest at
9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in
said mortgage and the statute in such case
made and provided, notice is hereby given
that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a
sale of the mortgaged premises, or some
part of them, at public vendue, at the
Front door of the County building in
Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 4, 2004.
Said premises are situated in City of
Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and
are described as: Lot 10, Block 1,
original plat of the Village (now City) of
Grayling, according to the plat thereof as
recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2,
Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6

months from the date of such sale, unless
determined abandoned in accordance
with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the
redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale.

Dated: July 1, 2004

For more information, please call:
FC G 248.593.1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For National City Home
Loan Services, Inc. f/k/a Altegra Credit
Company, a Delaware Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-
5822
File #023781F02

-1-8-15-22

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-
TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A
DEBT. ANY INFORMATION THAT
WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR
THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE ON
ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY, PLEASE
CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE
PHONE NUMBER PROVIDED
BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has
been made in the terms and conditions of
a Mortgage bearing interest at 9.1400%
per annum made by Timothy G. Sheldon
and Kathryn J. Sheldon, husband and
wife, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely
as nominee for Decision One Mortgage
Company, L.L.C., Mortgagee, on June 24,
2002 and recorded in the Office of the
Register of Deeds for the County of
Crawford, State of Michigan, on July 9,
2002 in Liber 587 of Mortgages, Page
449, and subsequently assigned to The
Provident Bank, on which Mortgage there
is due, as of the date of this Notice, the
principal sum of \$203,473.70, plus interest.

Under the power of sale contained in
said Mortgage and the statute in such case
made and provided, Notice is hereby
given that on August 4, 2004, at 10:00
a.m., local time, said Mortgage shall be
foreclosed at sale at public auction to the
highest bidder at the front door to the
County Building, Grayling, County of
Crawford, State of Michigan, (that being
one of the places of holding Circuit Court
in said County), of the premises described
in said Mortgage, or some part of them.

The premises described in said
Mortgage is located in the Township of
Grayling, County of Crawford, State of
Michigan and legally described as:

Lot 128, AuSable Woods No. 4, as
recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 33,
Crawford County Records
2861 River Park Drive
Tax Identification No. 20-040-45-
143-00-128-00

The redemption period shall be six (6)
months from the date of the sale; unless
determined abandoned in accordance
with MCLA, 600.3241a, in which case the
redemption period shall be thirty (30)
days from the date of such sale.

DATED: June 23, 2004

The Provident Bank

NEUMANN LAW, P.C.

Attorneys for Mortgagee

1995 N. Cedar, Suite 4

Holt, MI 48842

(517) 699-4629

-1-8-15-22

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY

Case No. 04-6402-CH

JEFFERY M. DEWITT and
KAREN L. DEWITT, Plaintiffs,

v.
INVESTORS SERVICING COR-
PORATION, a Michigan Corporation,
FELIX FED PRINCE and PATRICIA
GAYE PRINCE, Defendants.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: William L. Carey (P31602)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop

P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5232

ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court held in the
City of Grayling, County of Crawford,
State of Michigan this 17th day of May,
2004.

PRESENT: HONORABLE DENNIS
F. MURPHY Circuit Court Judge

UPON A REVIEW of the pleadings
filed in the instant matter, including
Plaintiff's Petition for Alternate Service,
the Court being fully advised in the
premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND
ADJUDGED that service may be effectua-
ted over Defendants Felix Fred Prince,
Patricia Gaye Prince, and Investors
Servicing Corporation pursuant to MCR
2.106(E).

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall
effectuate service over the above-named
Defendants by publication in the
Crawford County Avalanche once each
week for three consecutive weeks direct-
ing the Defendants as follows:

TO THE DEFENDANTS, INVESTORS
SERVICING CORPORATION,

A Michigan corporation and FELIX FRED
PRINCE and PATRICIA GAYE PRINCE:

A. You are being sued within the
Circuit Court for the County of Crawford,
State of Michigan;

B. The names of the parties are:
Plaintiffs JEFFERY M. DEWITT and
KAREN L. DEWITT and Defendants
INVESTORS SERVICING CORPORA-
TION, a Michigan corporation and
FELIX FRED PRINCE and PATRICIA
GAYE PRINCE.

C. These proceedings are instituted to
quiet title to a parcel of real property
located in Crawford County, Michigan.

D. That an answer needs to be
filed/taken within 28 days at the Crawford
County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan
Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or
other action permitted by law or court rule
must be taken.

E. That failure to answer or take other
action will result in a default being filed
against the Defendants, INVESTORS
SERVICING CORPORATION, a Michigan
corporation and FELIX FRED PRINCE and
PATRICIA GAYE PRINCE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that
Plaintiffs shall:

1. Post a copy of this instant order in
the Crawford County Courthouse, United
States Post Office for Grayling,
Michigan, and the South Branch
Township office where the parcel is located
for three continuous weeks; and,

2. Send a copy of this instant order to
each of the Defendants to his or her last
known address by registered mail, return
receipt requested prior to the last week of
the posting as dictated in Paragraph 1
above; and,

3. Posting a copy of this instant order
on the real property which is the subject
matter of this litigation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND
ADJUDGED that the law offices of
CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C. may
post this instant order and must thereafter
file proof of posting.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Circuit Court Judge

-1-8-15

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be rescinded by the foreclosing mort-
gagee. In that event, your damages, if any,
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bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

INVITATION TO BID

Crawford AuSable School District is seeking to purchase a point
of sale system for their food service program. The request for
proposal is available from the school district office located at 403
E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Bids are due Friday, July
9, 2004, 3 p.m. EDT. For further information call 989-344-3500.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids
until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during their regular meeting), on
Thursday, July 1, 2004, at their Grayling office located at 500
Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI, 49738, for the following
quantities of cutting edges:

(1000)-5/8"x8"x6" Single or Double Beveled Through
Hardened with 5/8" holes.
(100)-3/4"x8"x7" Single or Double Beveled Through
Hardened with 3/4" holes.

Standard hold punch, MDOT specifications required: 10 1/2#/#.
after punching, C-1090 steel (minimum).

Bidders are urged to bid on various sizes and styles. Bidders are
urged to quote on other types of bids, i.e., 5/8" & 3/4" thickness,
other cross-section, etc. Bid prices shall include delivery to the
Grayling garage. Delivery within thirty (30) days unless otherwise
specified. Prices shall be good for One (1) year after the date of
award of bid.

The Board reserves the right to add or delete quantities, to accept
or reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in bidding and to
award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford
County.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Ken Riehls, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burch, Commissioner

-1-8-15-22

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Grayling City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing
on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the Grayling City
Hall at 1020 City Hall at 1020 City Boulevard to receive input
regarding a Stormwater Runoff Control Ordinance. A copy
of this proposed ordinance is available at City Hall between
the hours of 8:00 AM - 4: 30 PM. All City Residents are invit-
ed to attend this meeting.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice of last day of registration for the electors of: Beaver Creek Township, Frederic Township, Grayling
Township, Lovells Township, Maple Forest Township, City of Grayling, South Branch Township

All electors are hereby given notice **THE PRIMARY ELECTION** will be held in the above Townships/City
in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

Electors who wish to vote in the Primary Election must be registered to vote **NO LATER THAN**
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2004. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office
or the Township or City Clerk's Office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE:

During Regular business hours 8:30 - 4:30 - Monday through Friday

July 6, 2004 - Last day for Electors to Register with County Clerk at 4:00 p.m. Electors who wish to reg-
ister with the Township of City Clerks are advised to call ahead for office hours:

Sharon K. Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878
Nancy Bindschattel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Township Clerk 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp - Lovells Township Clerk 348-9215
Sandra Baynam - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794
Laura Smith - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232
Michelle Moshier - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



Steam billows as rollers smooth out new asphalt poured along the I-75 Business Loop between Grayling's main intersection and M-72 West. (July 2, 1981)

23 Years Ago July 2, 1981

At the 1981 Michigan School Boys State Championship in Dewitt, Tim Ferrigan captured the 138 lbs. Championship on June 27. Tim's first place will qualify him to compete for the Michigan Team at Miami Univ. in Oxford, OH July 4.

The Grayling Country Club inaugurated "twilight golf," after 5 o'clock Monday through Friday, the fee to be \$1.00. There is a new driving range now open at the Club House. Fees are 50 cents and \$1.00, depending on the number of balls issued. Club President Ralph Hoffman states that the club expects to have the showers and men's locker rooms completed in about a week.

The Grayling Mercantile store has new flags: the American flag always on the right; the present

encampment of the National Guard on the left and the rest in between.

Paul Elekonich Grand Knight of the Grayling K of C announces the following gentlemen to office of the K of C for 1981-1982: Richard Allen - Grand Knight, Edward Martella - Deputy Grand Knight, Alan Boyk - Chancellor, Larry Hunter - Recorder, Walter Galvani - Treas., Norbert Lesinski - Advocate, Rich Oliver - Warden, George Matyn - Financial Sec., Robert Mott - Inside Guard, Michael Lovely, Outside Guard, Trustees - Paul Elekonich, George Duncley and Lawrence (Bud) Hunter. Father Louis Ivandic will remain as Council Chaplin.

46 Years Ago July 3, 1958

The school census completed recently revealed that there are a

total of 1,298 children in the county from under one year of age to 19 years.

The Carl's Beauty Shop on Cedar Street has installed an entirely new front with new windows and new siding. Some redecoration is also being done.

Sunday, June 22, 47 canoe-loads of friends took a trip on the AuSable River, the only Grayling people in the group being Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bidvia. The trip has become a seasonal event, growing out of a 4 canoe group who started eight years ago with friends of the Bidvias. This year people from Saginaw, Midland, Bay City and Kalkaska were in the party.

The meeting of the Lovells 4-H was held at the home of Mrs. Pierson Spaulding on June 24. Officers elected for the year are as follows: pres., Patty Spaulding; vice pres., Tommy Koerke; sec., Janet Johnson; treas., Butch Renaud; reporter, Sue Koerke and recreation leader, Connie Renaud.

69 Years Ago July 4, 1935

In the final summary by the judges in the Avalanche's subscription campaign, it was found that the Hospital Aid Society had won the Standard Chevrolet Coach, and DeVere Schmidt had won the second prize - a Crosley Shelvador electric refrigerator. The options to accept \$490 for the car and \$90 for the refrigerator were exercised on the part of both victorious contestants.

Miss Muriel DeLaMater is a new soda dispenser at Chris

Olsen's Drug Store. She began her duties Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bishaw are rejoicing over a 6 1/4 pound daughter born on July 1. She will be known as Sally Louise.

92 Years Ago July 4, 1912

Julius Nelson and Rasmus Rasmussen have completed their road job connecting the Danish picnic grounds with the Portage Lake Road. It is ready for travel and is said to be a very satisfactory piece of work. The highway commissioner has accepted the road.

George Belmore of Beaver Creek has a new mowing machine.

The post office in Frederic has moved to its new quarters.

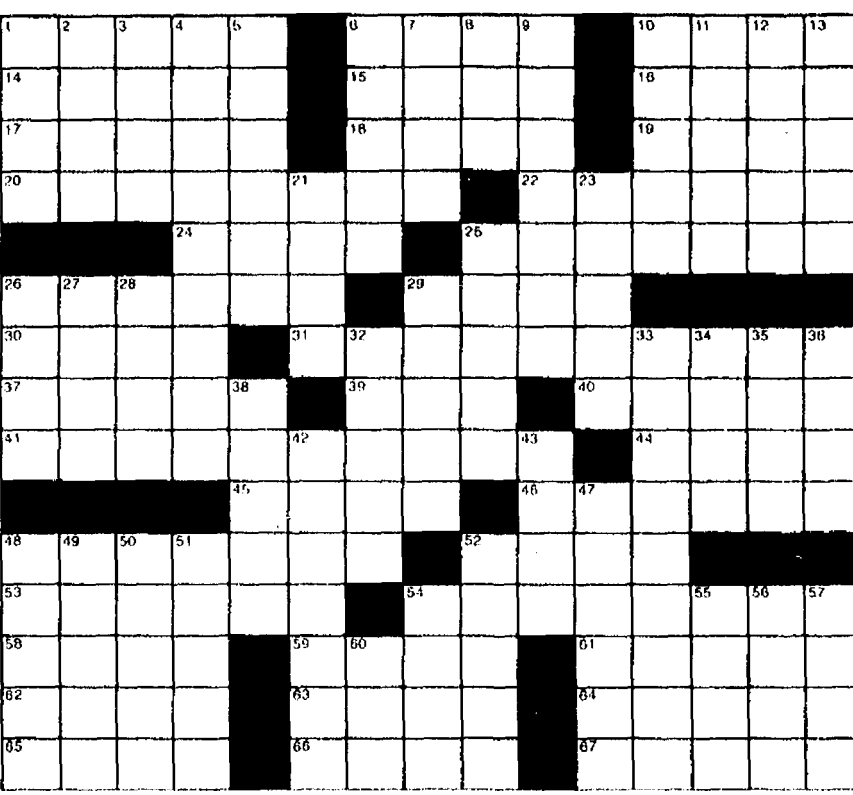
Hugh Oaks and Charles Fehr are entitled to a lot of credit for the good work in decorating the town for July 4th. The welcome arch is especially well done.

Large forest fires have been raging about three miles to the northeast of this little village for about a week past which has kept fire wardens McElroy and Babbitt and many men busy. Much alarm is felt by all on account of protracted drought in Lovells.

Feldhauser brothers are nearly all at their old home at Sigsbee, sawing lumber.

John R. Parsons cleared and planted five acres on his own farm at Maple Forest this year and is rewarded with some of the first new potatoes in this section.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Series of links worn as an ornament.
- Circlet worn on the finger.
- Connects the head with the body.
- Henrich, founder of the modern feuilleton.
- Abbreviation for American Medical Informatics Association.
- Rickman, Professor Severus Snape in Harry Potter.
- Mally, Austria philosopher.
- Banned on grounds of morality.
- To cloy with overabundance.
- Men who are employed to stand guard.
- Small pointed beard on a man's chin.
- To raise upright.
- People who sound a bugle.
- Series of steps for passing from one level to another.
- Fabric used in propelling a wind-driven vehicle.
- Acronym for Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers.
- Good deeds.
- Brie, authoritative formula of religious belief.
- Adult female deer.
- To contract the brow in an expression of displeasure.
- Excited interests.
- Vera Zubarev, Russian-English poet, writer and scholar.
- To sever by repeated blows of a sharp instrument.
- Marked by the most skill.
- Old Testament patriarch and founder of the Hebrew people.
- To help a baby expel gas from the stomach.
- Martha, a central figure in the modern dance movement.
- Rectangular boards for mixing paint.
- Assistant.
- Deep, wide trench around a castle.
- Relating to the ear.
- People associated together in work.
- Single person.
- Group of animals moving together.
- Makes mistakes.

DOWN

- To grind with the teeth.
- Sister and consort of Zeus.
- Am not.
- Engraves characters upon.
- Situated beneath the earth's surface.
- Person who estimates.
- Acronym for Integrated Mapping and Navigation.
- Sharpened point of a quill.
- Paul, French artist.
- Helmet's nosepiece.
- To fill with joy or pride.
- To supply what is required.
- Joints protected by the patella.
- Device covering the face.
- Amorous or coquettish glances.
- Center of the German Liberal Movement.
- Chases, attacks.
- Seed of a vetch.
- Expression of hearty approval.
- To look into sneakily.
- Language peculiar to a class.
- Raised marking on a plant or animal part.
- Undersurface of a foot.
- Mature female sheep.
- Auxiliary airfoil at the leading edge of an airplane wing.
- Summer Russian country cottage.
- Tenth month of the year in the Jewish calendar.
- First king of Israel.
- Baked, leavened foods made of flour or meal.
- Fine-grained, variegated, striped chalcid.
- Prickly plant or shrub.
- Analysis of high-frequency radio waves to detect objects.
- Throat clearing sounds.
- Pieces of fabric used as bathing.
- Physical suffering.
- Believe, think.
- Overhanging lower edge of a roof.
- Vehicle with runners.
- Single unit or thing.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Zesty Chili Dip

Prep Time: 5 minutes; Chill Time: 2 hours; Makes 3 cups
1 container (16 oz.) sour cream

1 medium tomato, chopped (about 1 cup)
1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies, drained
1 package Leek Soup, Dip and Recipe Mix

3-4 tsp. chili powder

1. In medium bowl, combine all ingredients; chill at least 2 hours.

2. Stir before serving. Serve with corn tortilla chips or cut-up vegetables.

Variation: For Cheese Chili Dip, stir in 4 oz. shredded Monterey Jack cheese.

..Kidding..

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH IS A PAIR?

DID YOU KNOW ??

Every 5 seconds a computer gets infected with a virus!

MAZE

Start Here

ADOPT A PET

Maggie is a Hound Mix. She is a very nice dog and gets along well with others. She has been heartworm tested, spayed, and has all of her vaccinations. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of July 1, 2004

Sign	Period	Horoscope
Capricorn	December 22 - January 19	Life is too short not to be adventurous. Try a new sport. Take a cruise. Adopt a pet. Let your hair down and go wild!
Aries	March 21 - April 19	You are of two minds. You want to be alone and you want to be with other people. With planning, you can do both.
Cancer	June 22 - July 22	Viewing life through rose-colored glasses is not a good thing. Someone is trying to take advantage of you--pay attention!
Libra	September 23 - October 22	You're oversensitive to criticism these days. Take time to regroup. Visit a spa, read a book, go for a walk...do whatever it takes to relax.
Taurus	April 20 - May 20	You are a natural leader. People listen and look up to you. Get out there and put your talents to work in the community.
Virgo	August 23 - September 22	Don't let things get out of hand at home. Make time to catch up on housework and other chores. Something you thought was lost reappears.
Sagittarius	November 22 - December 21	There is more to life than work. Reestablish contact with your friends and family--they miss you. A news report intrigues you.
Pisces	February 19 - March 20	You need to play your cards close to the vest at work. A coworker could be telling tales out of school. Quell rumors before they get out of hand.
Leo	July 23 - August 22	The relationship elevator is going up. Don't be afraid to take a chance with your heart and get on board. You won't regret it.
Scorpio	October 23 - November 21	Your finances are in a sorry state. Whatever you do, don't try to fix them yourself. Seek the help of a financial advisor instead.
Gemini	May 21 - June 20	Past mistakes come back to haunt you. Fight those demons and stay positive. Revive your dreams and take steps to fulfill them.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week	Extended Forecast			
Date	H	L	Rain	Forecast
6/23	67	49	0	High 81
6/24	74	51	0	High 79
6/25	59	32	0	High 71
6/26	69	42	0	High 72
6/27	69	48	0	High 74
6/28	72	51	0.12	High 77
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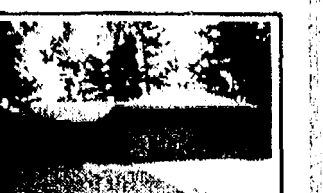
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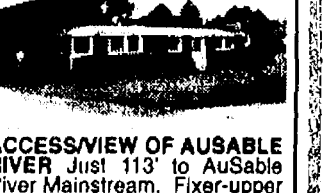
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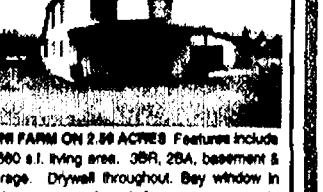
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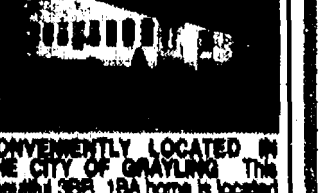
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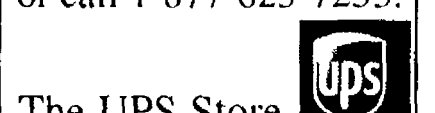
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ESTATE SALE collectibles, furniture, housewares and much more. 224 Lakeshore Drive, Higgins Lake near St. Hubert Catholic Church. Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9-? (-1/10)

MOVING/ESTATE SALE Wednesday June 30th to Sunday July 4th. 9am till ? Furniture, '89 Dodge pickup, lots of misc. 10614 S. Big Creek Road, 20 minutes from Grayling, North Down to F32, left, then 8 miles to Morley Road, right on Morley then next right is Big Creek. 348-5238. (-1/10)

GARAGE SALE July 3, 4 9-6. 6420 Old Lake Road. (-1/10)

4 FAMILY YARD SALE freezer, TVs, antiques, large women's clothes, lawn mower, compressor, and more. 5581 County Road 612, Lovells. July 1, 2, 3. (-1/10)

ESTATE AND BARN SALE Western tack including bits, various household articles including older tools. 8724 M-72 West. 2 miles from Ole Dam Party Store on right. July 2 and 3. (-1/10)

FRIDAY-SATURDAY 9-5. Records, stove, guns, pool, table, Wilton cake pans, car top carrier, lots of misc. items. 1119 McIntyres Landing. (-1/10)

X-MAS IN JULY 2nd, 3rd, 4th. 6603 Cheboygan Street, Frederic. Records for collectors, hand tools and a lot more. (-1/10)

YARD SALE 2 miles east of I-75 on 612 off Frederic exit. July 3rd and 4th. (-1/10)

GARAGE SALE computer, TV, weight bench, trailer, car-top carrier, boat cover, men's boots, women's skis and boots, ice skates, toys, clothing and more. Danish Landing. Thursday and Friday 10-5. (-1/10)

HANSON HOUSE ANNUAL yard sale. Saturday, July 3rd 9:00-3:00 604 Peninsula. 14' Lund Boat w/15 HP Johnson Motor and trailer, 28' American Star Travel Trailer, Delta scroll saw, sheet metal brake, rough sawn cherry boards, steel fence posts, old windows, Kitty Kat snowmobile, old roll top desk, dressers, household items, quilting fabrics and supplies. (-1/10)

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FRIDAY THRU MONDAY 9 to 5, 4787 N Watts Drive, Frederic, off Batterson Road. Some furniture, tools, electrical and plumbing supplies. (-1/10)

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GARAGE AND YARD SALE July 2nd thru 5th (Friday thru Monday) 10:00-4:00. 572 Isenhauer Road - turn left off North Down River Road at Carlisle Paddle Inc. (-1/10)

YARD SALE - Saturday July 3rd and Sunday July 4th. 9:00am to 5:00pm at 6977 S Military Road, Grayling MI. Canceled if rain. (-1/10)

GARAGE SALE 7-2 to 7-3, lots of goodies. 10071 Stone Road, Beaver Creek. (-1/10)

GARAGE SALE 305 Elm Friday/Saturday 9am - ? Camping gear, weight equipment, miscellaneous items, five by eight Haulmark covered trailer. (-1/10)

GARAGE SALE July 1, 2, 3, 9-5. Nine piece antique dining room, infants, kids clothes, exercise equipment, appliances, furniture, and more. Everything must go! 1595 Danish Landing Road, West 72, 3 miles from Grayling. (-1/10)

JULY 2nd, 3rd and 4th 9am to 4pm. 7515 Gabriel Street, Frederic. (-1/10)

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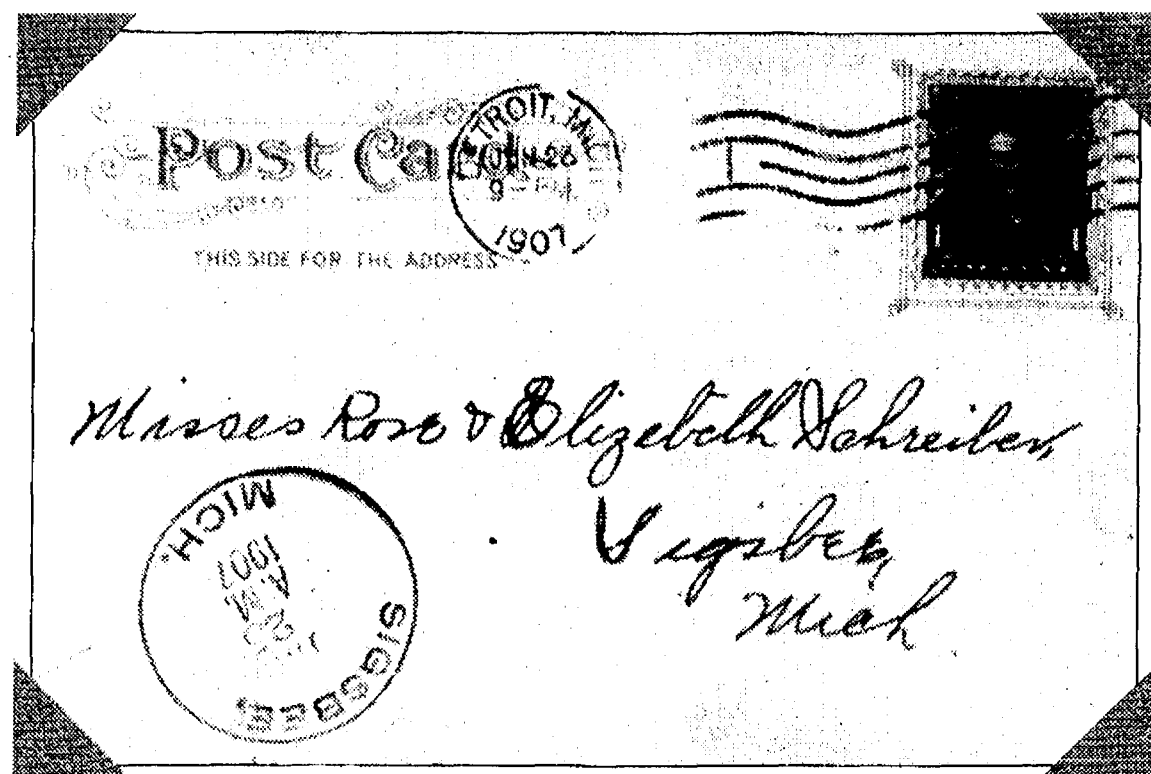
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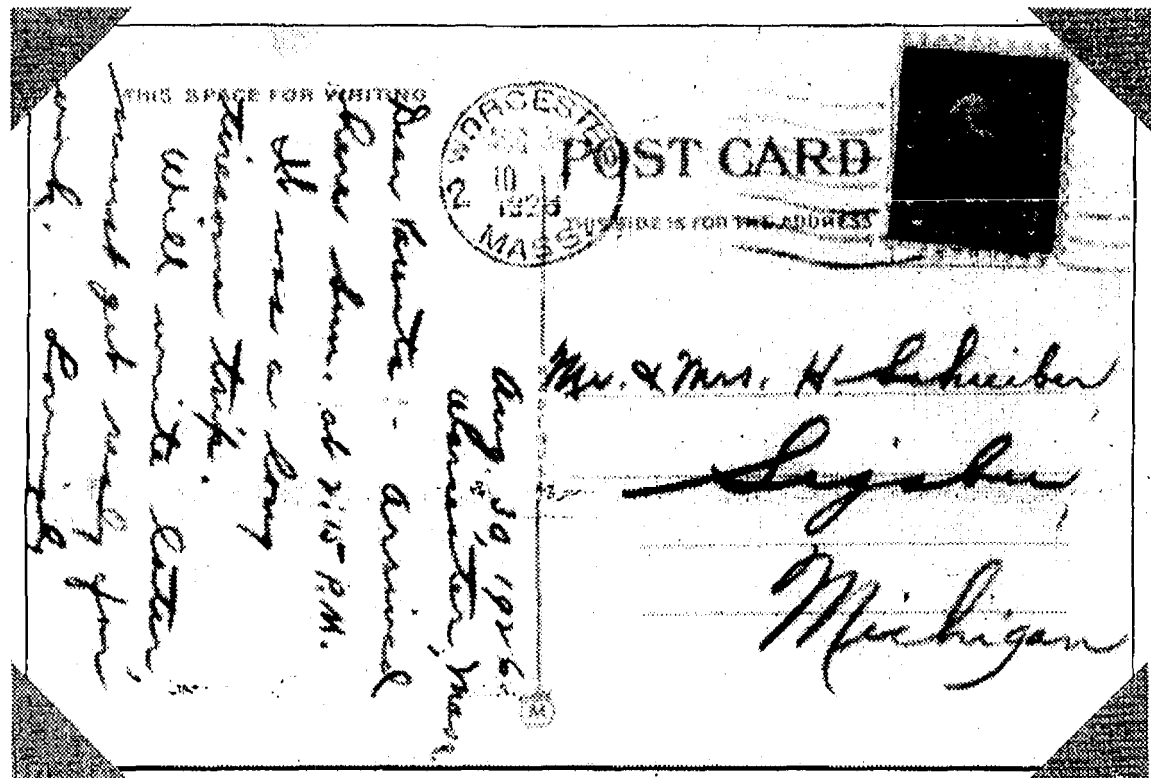
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A brief look at the history of Crawford County

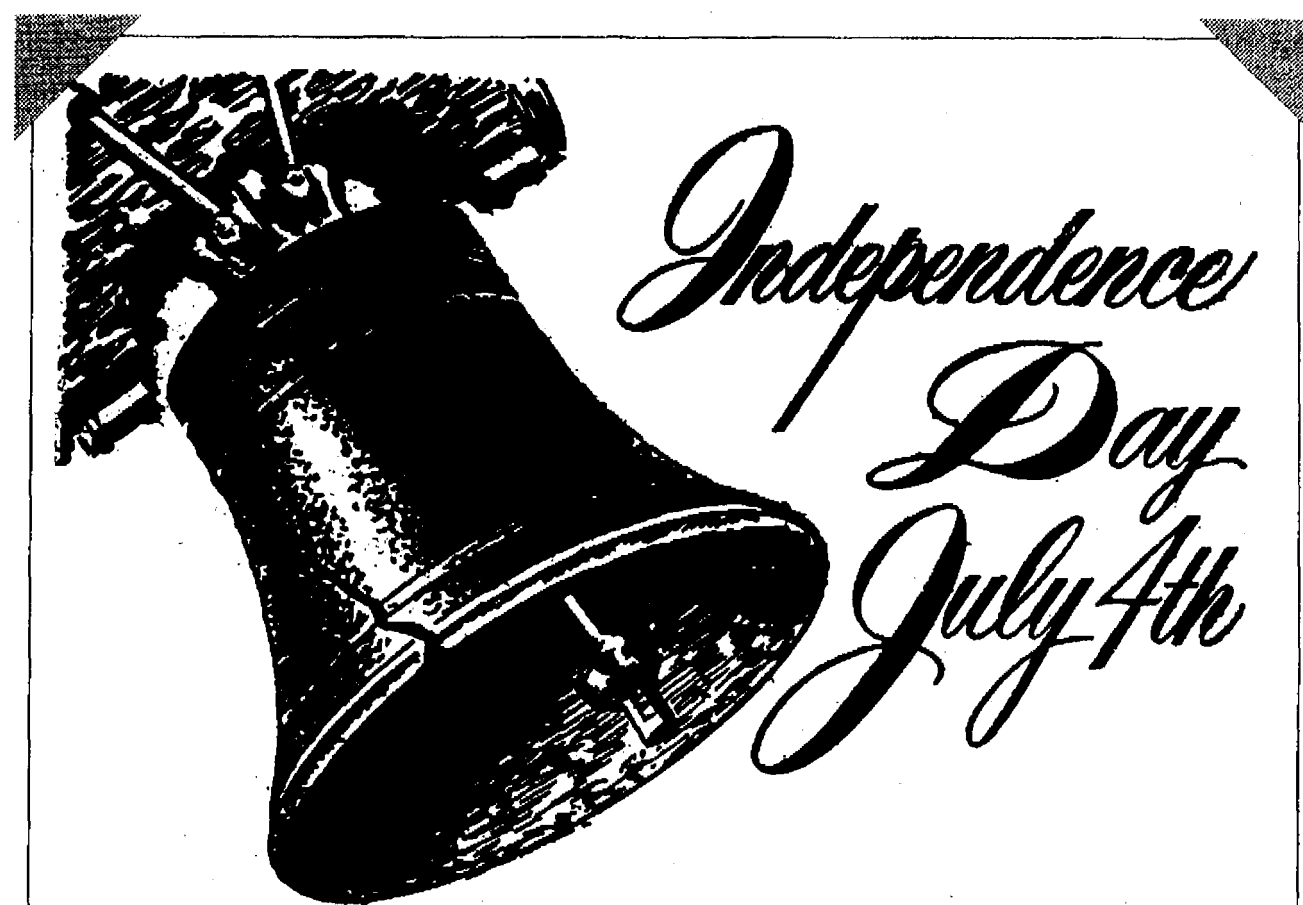
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These postcards were cancelled at the Sigsbee Post Office, one in 1907 the other in 1926.



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Independence is a mighty important word to every good American. Our forefathers fought for our country's independence — and won it for us . . . Upon this foundation, Americans have steadily built a country that symbolizes Freedom to the whole world. On this July 4th, let's each re-dedicate ourselves to protecting our democracy and building an ever-greater country of free men!

50 Years Ago... An Independence Day greeting from the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche, Thursday, July 1, 1954

Memories of Deward Page 6



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Historical Museum

In its prime, Deward had an impressive downtown. Deward existed from 1902 to 1912 and had a population of over 800 people. Mill workers, railroad workers, their families and others occupied more than 300 dwellings. There was a schoolhouse, church, community hall, boarding house and general store. On the railroad side of town there was a section house, roundhouse depot and other buildings.

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The Crawford County Avalanche - 125 Years of Publishing

Crawford County Avalanche The First 88 Years - 1879-1967

(From "An Introduction To The History Of The Grayling Area: The First Hundred Years," a publication of Grayling Uptown District Association, 1999)

"The exact first date of publication (of the Crawford County Avalanche) is in doubt, but appears to be May 1, 1879. It is possible that two or three issues were

published prior to that around Christmas time, 1878, but this cannot be substantiated with any degree of accuracy since no copies of the 1878 issues exist. The original publishers were S.C. Brown and George H. Maurer. Brown served as editor. However, after only four issues, Brown was succeeded by W.A. Masters as Editor and Co-publisher. Masters was apparently a lawyer in partnership with a C.A. Brown. Their offices were located

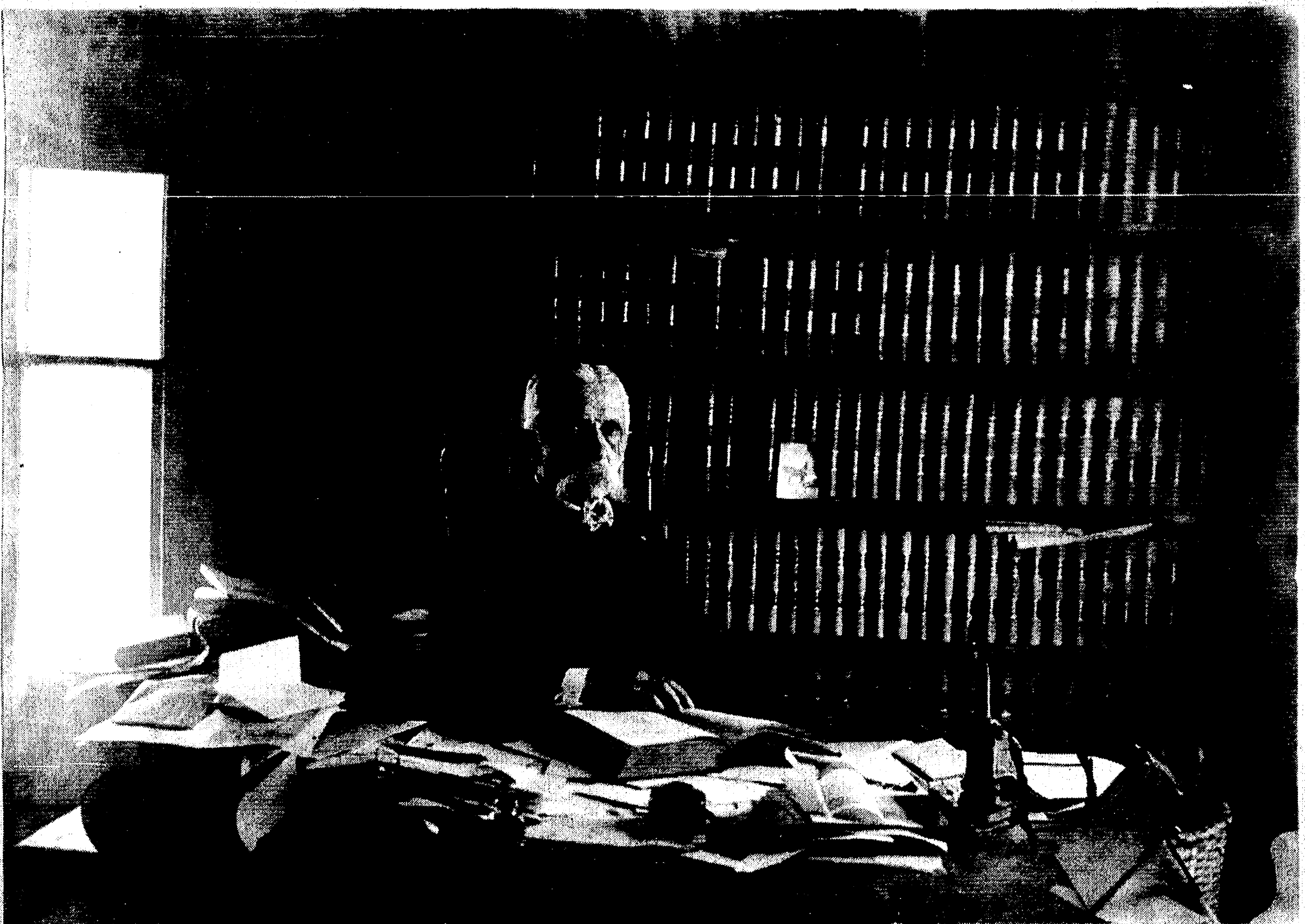
in the Avalanche building of that time, and besides regular legal work, Masters also acted as notary public, deputy county clerk, and register. Masters was not with the paper for long, however. Maurer apparently ran the paper alone for more than a year.

"The paper was sold to Salling Hanson & Company... Maurer continued as editor under Salling, Hanson until February 24, 1881... He was replaced with a Mr. H.C.

McKinley... (McKinley) appears to have had a great enthusiasm for his work, but his editorship lasted only about a month. Salling, Hanson & Company suddenly sold the paper to Dr. Oscar Palmer.

"Palmer was not only a newspaperman, but a doctor, lawyer, scholar, legislative representative, sash and planning mill owner, farmer, businessman, soldier, and office holder. He is reported to have

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Dr. Oscar Palmer, former Crawford County Avalanche owner

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first come to Grayling in April of 1881 for the purpose of farming, but soon became involved in all aspects of the community.

"Dr. Palmer improved the paper in all respects. There was more news, more advertising, more lively writing. One of his pet projects was the formation of a local historical society to preserve the history of the county. Apparently this was

done in July of 1886, but the writers of this book have been able to find little evidence of it. If the society ever compiled any history, it has been lost or destroyed in one of the many fires which have swept the community in the last eighty-five years.

"Apparently early subscribers paid for their subscriptions in either money or products. Wood was a regular winter currency at the Avalanche. The circulation

was relatively large considering the size of the town at that time. In January of 1889, the Avalanche reported 400 subscribers - a high figure in an area where many could neither read nor write.

"Dr. Palmer continued to operate the paper until 1911, when he sold it to Oscar P. Schumann... (Dr. Palmer) was a powerful figure in early Grayling, a man of considerable influence and a constant worker in civic endeavors... (Dr. Palmer)

died March 9, 1926 at the age of eighty-four.

"Schumann ran the paper for thirty-three years... His news columns, as was common in those days, were full of editorial comment and personal opinion. He, as had Palmer, acted as a spokesman for the community. In 1944 the paper was sold to Robert Strong, who continued the policies of Schumann, only, in keeping

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Avalanche Has Moved To New Location



From Here

An Era Ends

With the publishing of this week's Avalanche an era has ended that covered 100 years.

This past week the Avalanche has been in the process of moving from the building that has housed the newspaper's operation for 100 years at 224 Michigan Avenue, to their new quarters at 100 Michigan Avenue in the building that also serves J and R Florist.

With the advent of offset printing of which the newspaper has been printed since 1967, the need of much of the equipment used in letter-press printing became obsolete and has not been used for some time.

With the opportunity to purchase a modern building that could facilitate our present equipment we decided to make the change.

We know it will be strange for everyone, moving out of a building that had been serving the public for so long the change will not be easy. We hope it will not inconvenience anyone, and we will be happy to continue serving you in our new location.



To Here

From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche, Thursday, November 22, 1979 Edition

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with the changing laws of libel, eliminated editorial comment in the news. In 1967 the paper was sold again..."

Crawford County Avalanche 1967-Present

by Richard L. Milliman

Richard L. Milliman and his wife, Donna Milliman, who wound up owning The Avalanche for 36 years before passing it on to their family two years ago, first acquired The Crawford County Avalanche newspaper and printing business in 1967 from Bob and Eva Strong.

The small investing group that purchased The Avalanche included two long time Grayling residents and Avalanche employees - the late Howard D. (Whitey) Madsen, who became Editor and Publisher for the next 25 years, and Leroy Papendick, who became mechanical superintendent and was in charge of the commercial printing part of the business for almost 30 years.

The two silent investors were Richard A. Jones, a Detroit attorney, and Dana MacVay, a Flint radio entrepreneur.

At one time or another over the succeeding 30 years or so, Milliman owned and operated more than 20 other publications in Michigan in addition to The Avalanche. But the Grayling newspaper was the first bought and the last sold.

The newspaper career of Richard Milliman, now mostly retired, began in

Who Is The New Editor?

Just who is this man who is to take over the ownership of the Avalanche?

That's a reasonable question, for naturally when someone is to take so prominent a part in our community affairs as to become editor of its newspaper, people want to know about him.

On October 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Strong will become the editors, publishers and owners of the Crawford Avalanche. We, who have held this responsible position for the past 33 years, will be entirely out.

Mr. Strong, we understand, is disposing of his interests in the Greenville Daily News, and is giving up his position of managing editor. That had been his position for the past three years. For eight years he had been circulation manager of the Flint News-Advertiser, and for three years he was employed in the circulation department of the Flint Journal.

He graduated from the Flint Central High School in 1932. Mrs. Strong, former Evabel Carter Elston, graduated from Flint

Central in 1933. They have two children, Sondra Eve, 8 years old, and Robert W. 2nd, five years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong have made two inspection trips to Grayling recently—once about a month ago, and again sometime later. Mr. Strong says, in a recent letter, that he is "much impressed with the City of Grayling, and hopes the Crawford Avalanche, under new ownership, can still give the people of the county and outside trading area the same high quality service. We will attempt to go forward with the city and lend a helping hand to any community project that will benefit all the people."

We are sure Mr. Strong will give us a much better community newspaper than we have been able to give. He is a young man with a vast experience in newspaper work. He has met most of our business men and at once gained our high esteem. And that he and his family will become a definite asset to Grayling, we are fully certain. They will be most welcome.

From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche, Thursday, September 21, 1944 Edition

1944 selling ads and writing sports and news stories for his hometown newspaper in Coldwater. For the last 25 years or more, he has written a weekly opinion

column, The Almanack, which appears in The Avalanche and a handful of other Michigan newspapers.

In 1984, Richard and Donna Milliman

acquired the shares of the other Avalanche investors to become sole owners. Whitey Madsen and Leroy Papendick continued their roles at The Avalanche until their retirements.

Whitey Madsen started work at The Crawford County Avalanche for Bob and Eva Strong as a printer when he returned from army service overseas during World War II.

Whitey first retired in 1987, then returned a few years later as Associate Publisher and Consultant until full retirement in 1998. When Whitey first retired, Jon Thompson, then a news writer for The Avalanche, became Editor and General Manager. He resigned in 1993 to teach at Kirtland Community College.

Linda Golnick, who had been office manager at The Avalanche, was promoted to succeed Thompson as General Manager and person in charge and continues in that role today.

In 2003, Richard and Donna Milliman sold The Crawford County Avalanche to their children - Teresa Milliman Fitzwater, Dirk Milliman and Ann Marie Milliman, who also purchased from their parents The Three Rivers Commercial News and The Penny Saver, a daily newspaper and a weekly shopping guide in St. Joseph County, which the elder Millimans had owned for 22 years.

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All three children are officers of Crawford County Avalanche, Inc., with Dirk Milliman as president listed as Publisher of The Avalanche. All three Milliman children have active absentee roles in its publication.

The Crawford County Avalanche has had remarkably few owners since its beginning in 1879 - three owners during its first three years of existence, then only three more owners in the 88 years before Milliman family ownership began in 1967.

The Milliman family has owned The Crawford County Avalanche longer than any previous owner.

How Did The Avalanche Get Its Name?

(From "An Introduction To The History Of The Grayling Area: The First Hundred Years," a publication of Grayling Uptown District Association, 1999)

"One mystery will always surround the Avalanche. How did it get its name? No one knows for sure. Few, if any, other papers had that name. Grayling is not in the mountainous area where avalanches are common. The name is incongruous in almost all respects, yet not one editor has tried to change it. Maybe the very unbelieveability of the name is one of the secrets of a newspaper which has survived for (125) years."



Former Crawford County Avalanche owners Dick and Donna Milliman (seated left and center) with the new owners, Dirk Milliman, Teresa Milliman Fitzwater, and Ann Marie Milliman

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Grayling Opera House in 1911

Originally known as the Grayling Opera House, the Rialto Theatre was founded in 1911 by George N. Olson. Olson was manager of the facility that featured live shows and a few silent movies until May 1915, when he purchased the business and operated the theatre through the 1920's showing silent films, accompanied on the piano by his wife, until sound or "talkies" were introduced in 1929.

The fire that destroyed the original structure in April 1930 (also housing the Masonic Temple) took place during a full house performance. Olson was the only one injured, suffering burns when he tried to reach the projectionist who had already escaped through a window. A little more than four months later, the Rialto reopened.

In the mid 1950's, Olson's daughter, Georgiana, and her husband, Thomas Stancil, took over ownership and management of the Rialto until 1982 when it was purchased by their son George and his wife, Marilyn.

At present the Rialto is owned by Geoffrey Bichler of Winter Park, FL. Mr. Bichler is a nephew of the founder. This historic theatre's day to day operation is carried out by Arnold Stancil, the founder's oldest grandson.

Recently improvements have been made including a new screen, new aisle & exit lighting, new carpeting, a new concession stand. Unfortunately, the prices



Rialto Theatre rebuilt and reopened in July 1930; new marquee installed in 1940

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Memories of Deward

The following is a letter written in November 1958 by Bertha Marshall to Ford Kellum who was the District Game Supervisor for the Michigan Department of Conservation (now DNR) in Traverse City.

Dear Mr. Kellum,

I was really pleased to get your letter today. It was a lot different to visit Blue Lake from Deward and the others and on to Starvation Lake. We were high starved by then too. But not when we left, as we sure had a lovely dinner there. We used to take a picnic lunch and the handcar and go to only one lake on a Sunday.

It makes my heart ache to visit Deward. Just that sign, then nothing.

There are children and grandchildren of the people who lived there who go back trying to find where they were born, trying to bring to mind what that town must have looked like.

There should be markers of some kind telling where the important buildings were. I could not find the site of the Roundhouse. I looked for an hour. Also, the sites of the Railroad Hotel, the schoolhouse the church, and the Estate House should be marked.

I so wished there was a glassed box of some kind on the village square with a large book inside so visiting people could sign their names.

Besides the Railroad Row and the Mill Town, there was a row of small houses not owned by the company back of Railroad Row. There was the Shanty Town back of the mill. I do not know how many people lived there but quite a lot.

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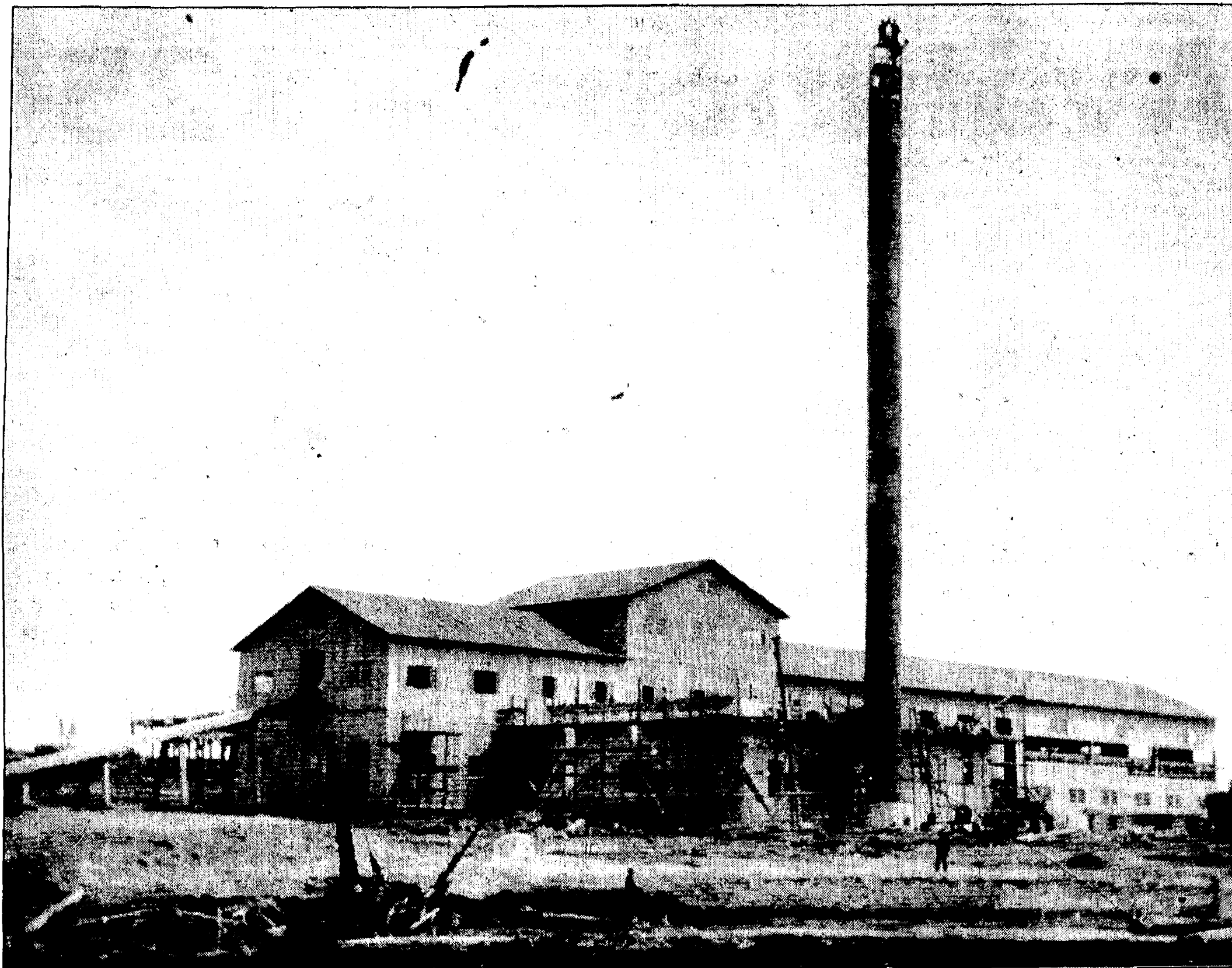


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Historical Museum

The Deward Mill nears completion in September 1902. On March 16, 1912, the last work whistle blew. A steam engine drove an eighteen-foot fly-wheel with a main drive belt that was thirty-eight inches wide. A clutch system permitted partial shutdown for repairs. The mill ran day and night for a year without stopping and cut lumber at a rate of 200,000 feet every twenty hours.

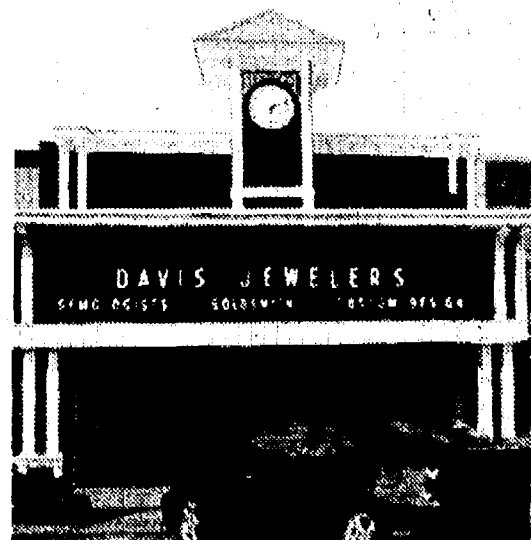
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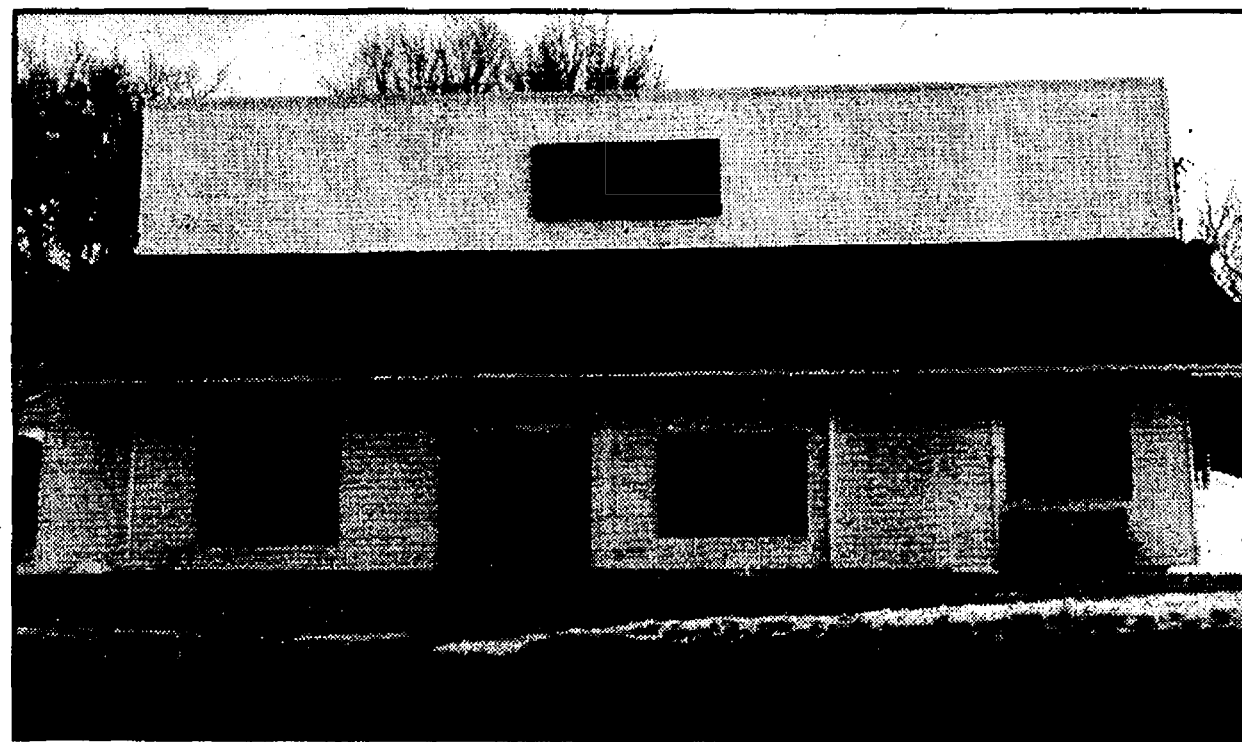
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We moved to Deward in 1910. My husband worked on the railroad. His average wage was \$42 to \$48 per month. Ritter was a master mechanic in the Roundhouse and Joe Killarney was next in line.

Bob Herren was one of the engineers. He used to scare the life out of the young firemen.

When they took the Roundhouse out of Deward they transferred Joe Killarney to Niles and he took the Railroad Hotel with him and rebuilt it the exact size that it had been in Deward. Killarney died in 1951 about February, I think.

As I stood down by the river near where the sluice was and looked up - up that hill - and nothing but the wild apple trees. And I saw the Ward Orchards last summer too and it is a shame the acres and acres of trees just dying and they meant so much to the Deward people. They could have all they wanted just for the gathering.

True there were fine horses. And Frank McGuire had a horse and a democrat buggy as he did the lumber camp washing. He used barrels for washers. He took a block of wood, drilled a hole in it, put a long handle on it and pounded the clothes in the barrels to wash them.

I'll say they had a ball team. I saw them play the Alba Indians in Deward and won, 1 to 0. The only ball player I can remember right now was a brakie named Blain.

The Kolkey House, the only old house still standing was the first house we lived in when we moved to Deward. We paid

\$2 per month rent but in a month we bought a four room house back of Red Bedors for \$4.

I personally knew Mrs. Olson. She had a cow and we could get fresh milk for our baby. Later Killarneys and Herrons got cows also. And a lot of people kept chickens. For years, they thought gardens would not grow there. But, we tried it. And they grew fine. We could plant as early as there was no frost in the ground. But everybody had to fence their chickens then.

Have you heard the story about the donkeys they used on the train tracks at the mill? When that whistle blew they stopped right now and did not move until unhitched. Then others were hitched up. They were cute.

I have been at the water tank many times. Saw the big fish in the water by the waterwheel. We sure use to eat the speckled trout in those days and never did get tired of them.

There were lots and lots of stories of the town about our dog walking toward the weight house and howling three time, then a shot, and the weighmaster had shot himself.

There was no liquor sold there, but plenty brought in and it made plenty of trouble. Like Bert Damoth shooting a man and another getting lost in a snow drift and freezing.

My husband played the violin for dances but I never got out as I had little ones. My first baby, a girl Eathel May, was born in Deward Sept, 23, 1910, and that same day a son was born to Ritters.

When we lived there, the big stumps



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Historical Museum

A Deward family poses for a group photo. In the background, the Deward church and houses are visible. The mill and railroad generated jobs for families like this one, but work completely dried up after only ten years. Consequentially, Deward was rendered a ghost town. Today, nothing remains of this historical community.

came right into the town. But last summer, I did not see any. I wondered what had become of them.

Do you know the spot where the square was, the church, and schoolhouse? The business block is marked by the vault yet, but few people know what that was. Also, that is where the Railroad Hotel stood.

You know there was a village pump between each fourth house. As there was no water except the deep wells, but really good water.

I walked through a beautiful stand of pine near Elmira Switch in 1909 that was supposed to be given to the State for a memorial. The old lumber camp build-

ings near Elmira Switch were such huge building, the logs so long. The lynx cried at night in the cedar swamp there. But it was beautiful.

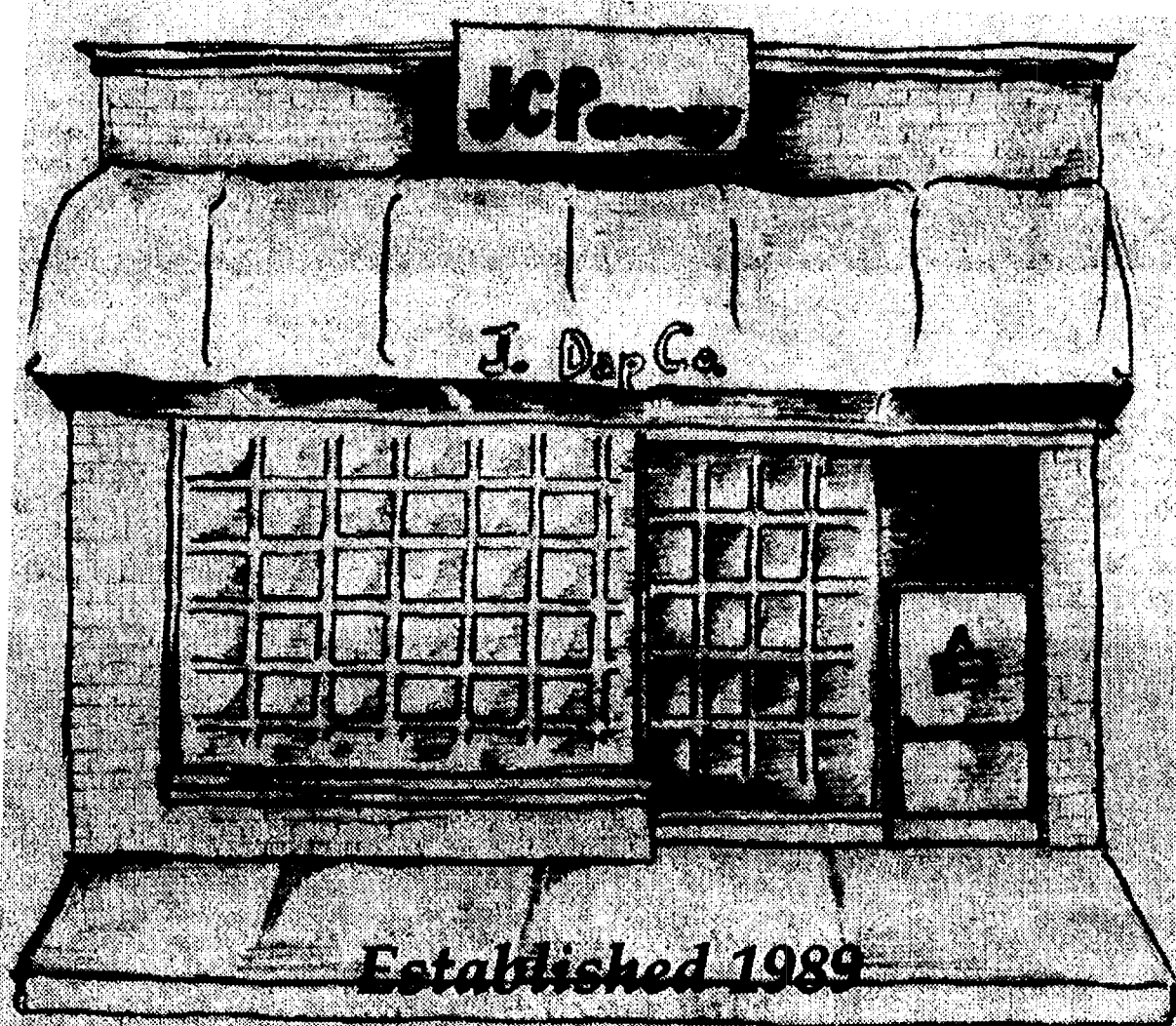
-Bertha Marshall

The above letter has been edited but it was written to Kellum who forwarded it to James Neering. Some of Marshall's comments indicated that she thought a book, at least partially about Deward, was going to be written.

The *Avalanche* received the letter from Patricia (McGuire) Neering, granddaughter of Frank McGuire who was mentioned in the letter. Her father, Frank, was born in Deward but moved to Flint in the 1920's to seek work.

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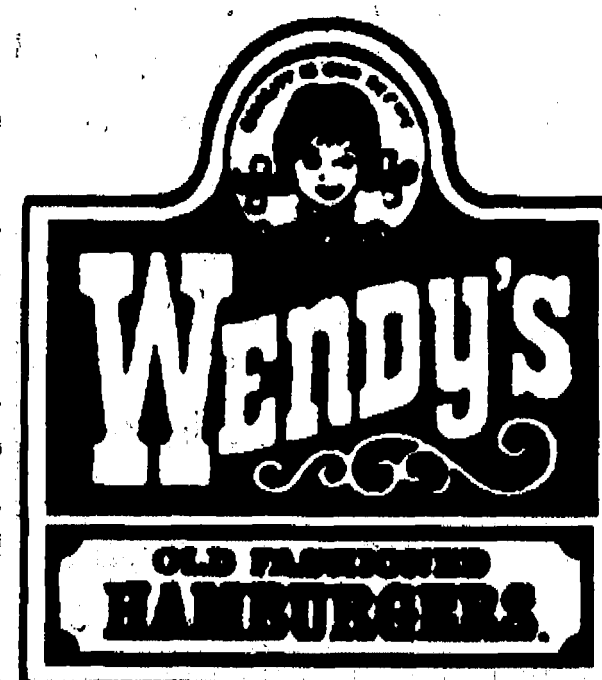
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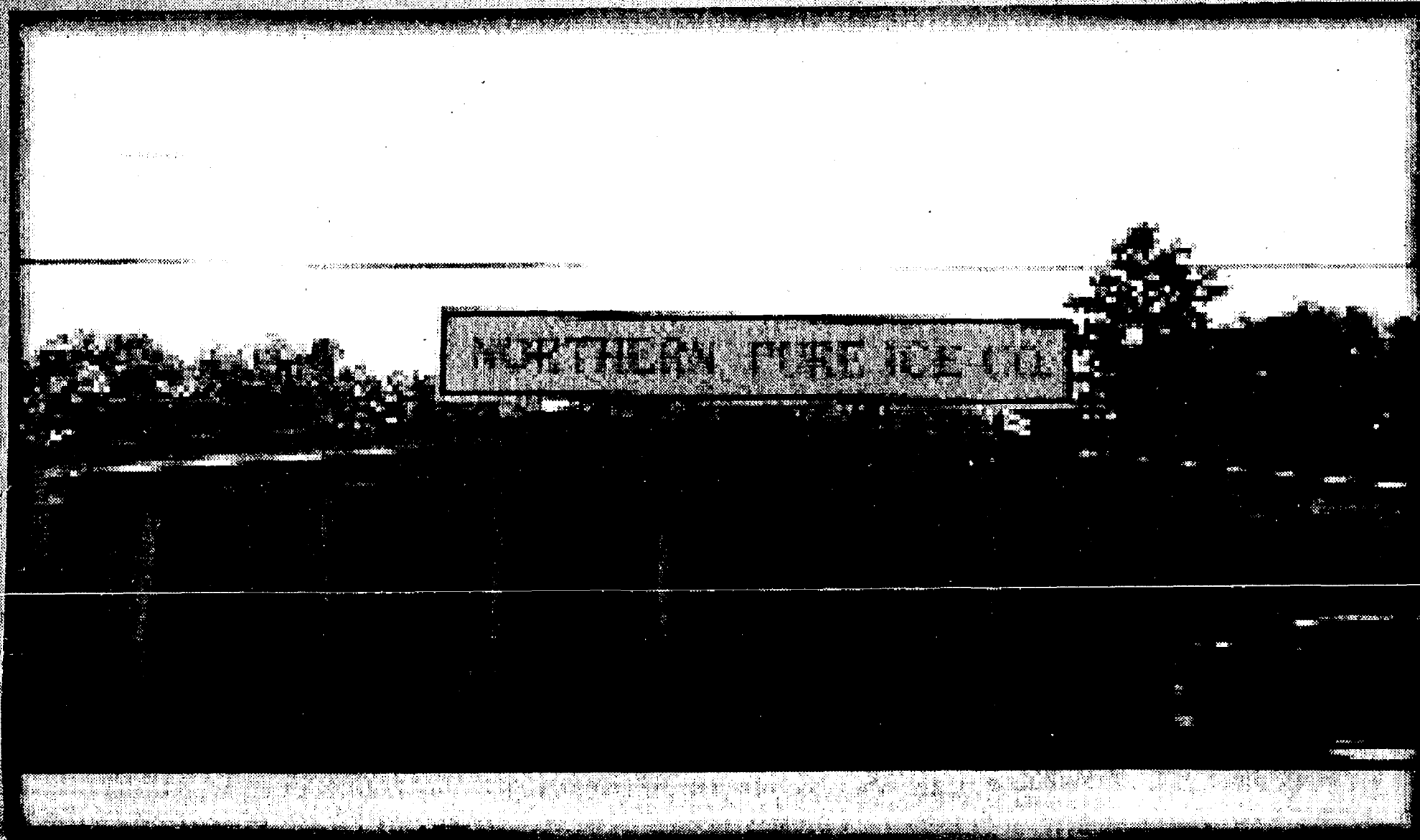
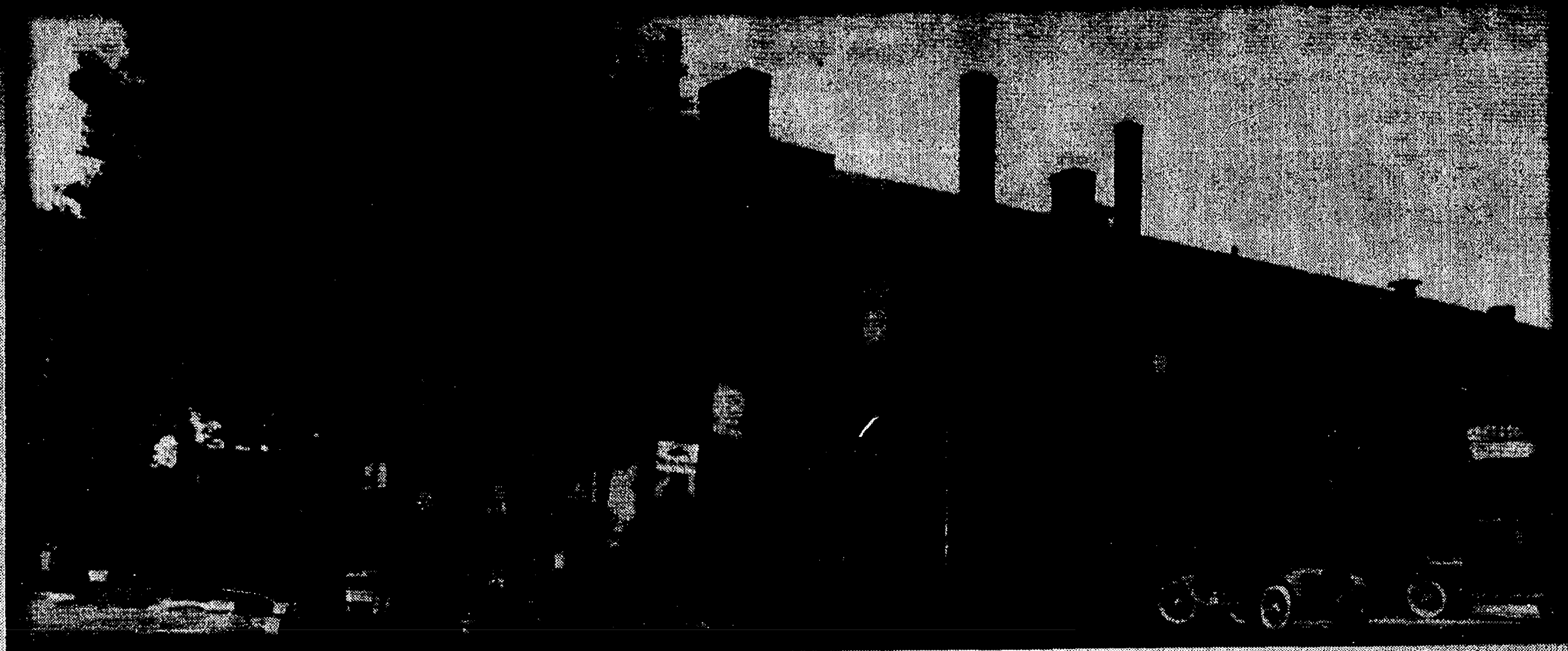
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Sigsbee Post Office Existed for Nearly 40 Years

by Fay Bovee

So many different versions have been written about Sigsbee in various publications, that I would like to tell you the true facts about it. On present day maps, what should be labeled a former post office, not a ghost town, is called Wildwood. Wildwood is only a private resident located on the north side of North Down River Road and was not there when the post office at Sigsbee existed.

Sigsbee was actually only a post office, from the 1890's until 1928 when a Star Route out of Grayling was established.

According to Michigan Postal History, the Post Offices 1805-1986 by David M. Ellis at the Library of Michigan the post office was called Appenzell from February 18, 1886 to May 31, 1895.

According to other research, the post office, Appenzell, was moved in March 1899 from the John Niederer home in Blaine township, just north of North Down River Road, to the Schreiber home.

It was called Sigsbee, named after a naval officer in the Spanish-American War, starting April 26, 1899 and on May 8, 1899, my grandfather, Hugo G. Schreiber, was appointed the postmaster of Sigsbee. He remained in that position until it was abolished in favor of the Star Route on April 30, 1928.

The post office, consisting of simply a secretary and/or bookcase in the living room, was located in the Schreiber home
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This map, taken from a 1915 World Atlas shows several more communities in Crawford County then than are currently in existence.

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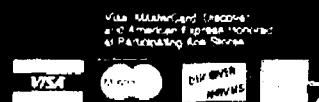


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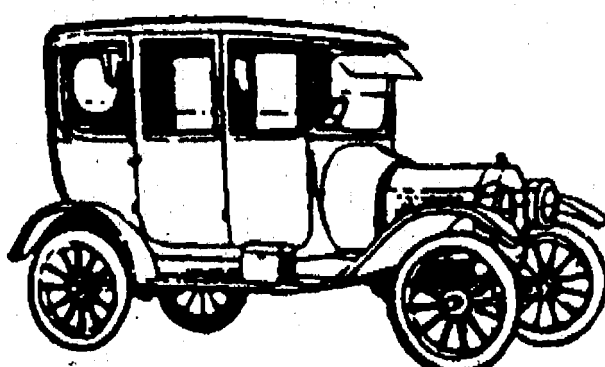
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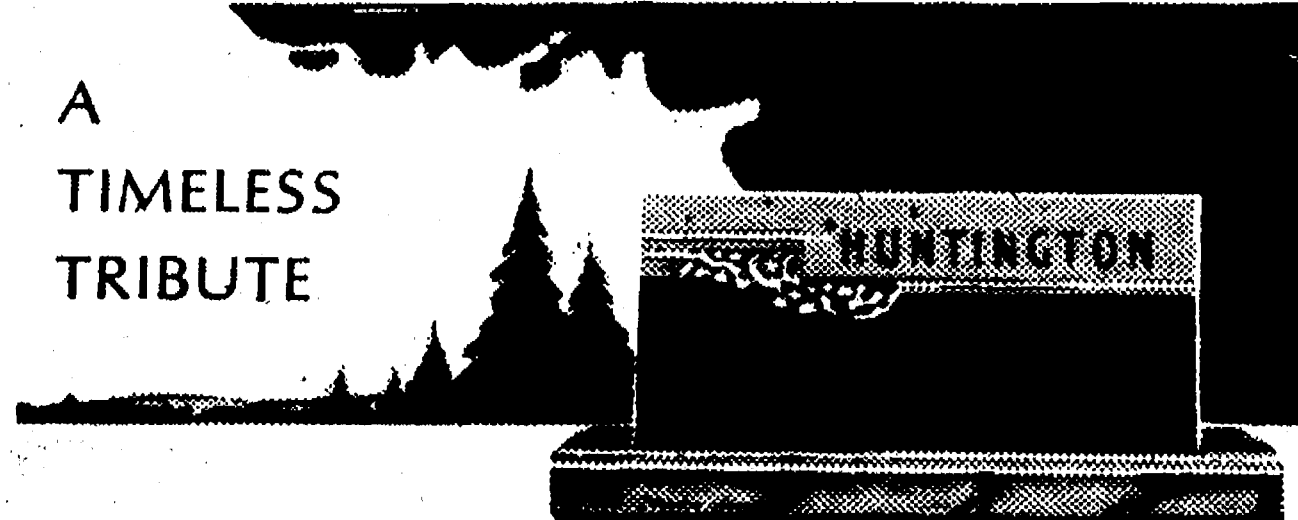
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on the south side of North Down River Road about eight miles east of Grayling.

After Crawford County became separated from Kalkaska County, the area where Sigsbee post office was eventually located, was called Center Plains township from 1876 to 1879. In 1879 it became Grove Township and in 1899, at the time the post office was established, it had become part of Grayling Township and has remained in that township to the present time.

There were never any stores, hotels, or anything that constituted a business, unless the area where Stephan Bridge is located and where the families kept fishermen and hunters, could be called a business.

There is no evidence that Sigsbee had certain boundaries but apparently served the people living in that area east of Grayling. I have found nothing to indicate how large an area the Sigsbee post office served.

In the past, when giving students information about Sigsbee, it is difficult to help them understand that it was not a town. The only other home on that road was the Henry Feldhauser house about one mile east on the north side of the road. The Feldhauser School was another short distance east of the Feldhauser home on the corner of North Down River Road and Wakeley Bridge Road.

There were other homes scattered

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This pen and ink sketch of the Hugo Schreiber Sr. house, home of the Sigsbee post office was done by his great granddaughter, Billie Smith of Saugerties, NY.

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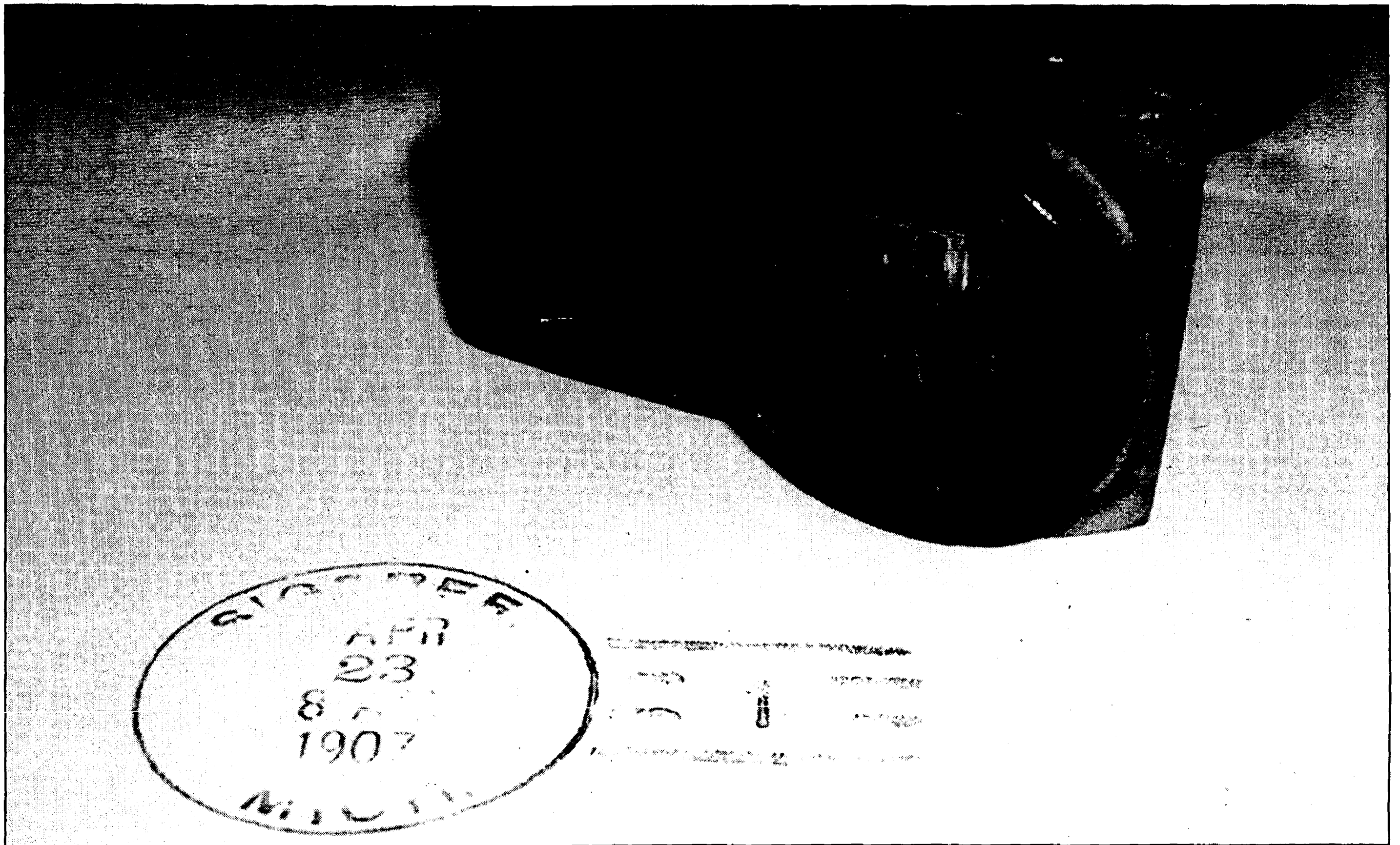
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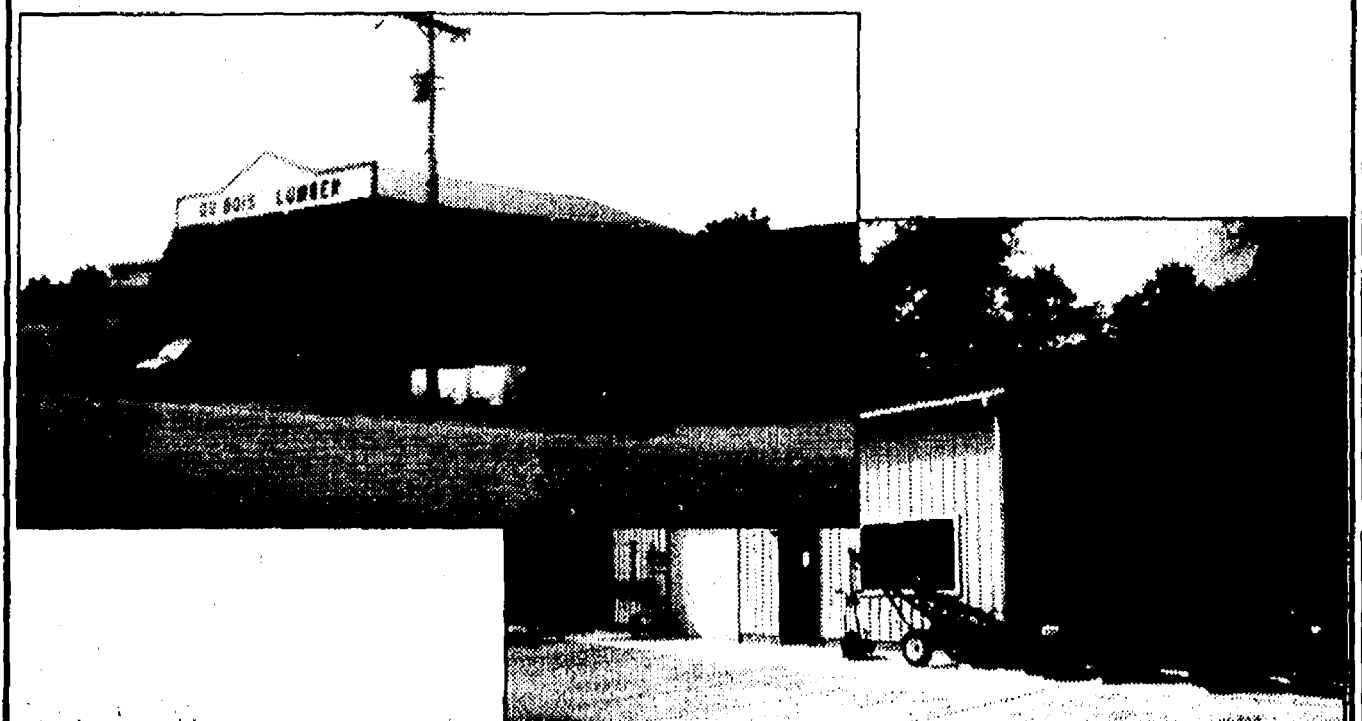
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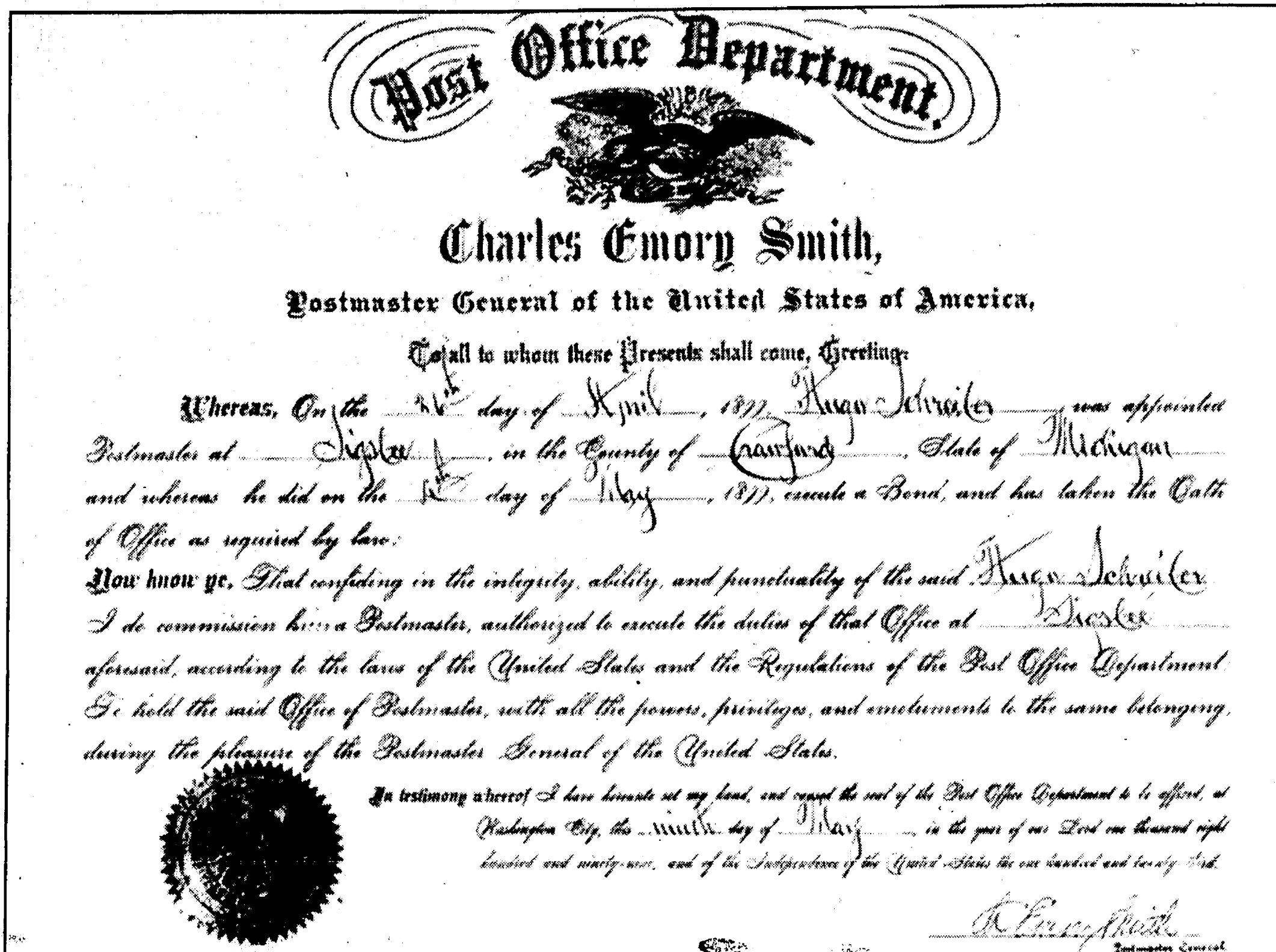
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around the area, both north and south of the river, on the river, north of North Down River Road, and at Stephan and Wakeley Bridges. There must have been various men who brought the mail to town and delivered mail to the Schreiber house. The only written proof I have is that Henry Stephan was one who carried it. His journal is in my possession, and he had recorded several incidents about carrying the mail to and from Grayling.

There is a mistaken idea that the Wakeley store that was across the road from the school was part of the abandoned part of Sigsbee. That store was built quite some time after Sigsbee had ceased to exist.

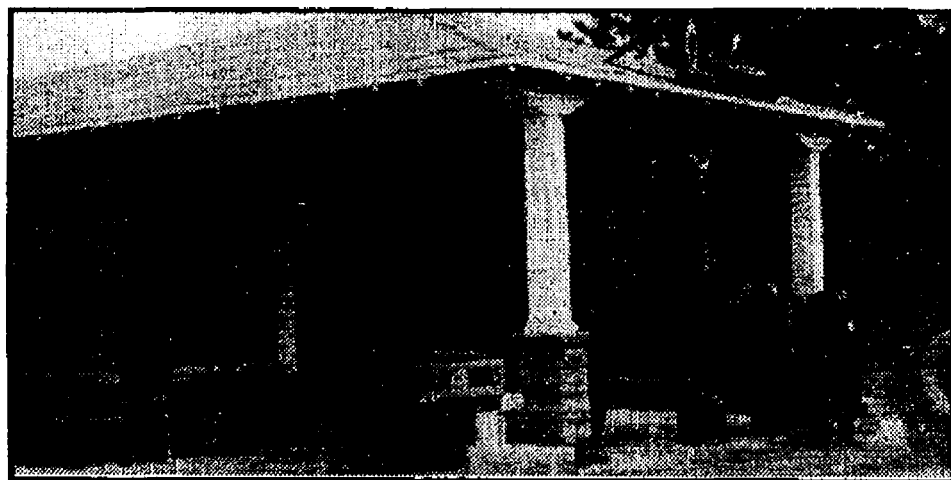
Some of the names that I remember hearing other than Schreiber, Feldhauser and Stephan were Aebli and Niederer, people who were from Appenzell, Switzerland, Fauble, Faultley, Wakeley, Boddy, Hoseli, Pym, Lound, Bradley, McKinley, Strutzenberg, Shellenbarger and Knecht. There were more than that but I am not familiar with them.

The Schreiber home that served as the post office was no longer in the family when the fire of 1990 burned it down. However, the owners, the Sheldons, rebuilt it in the same style as the original house. A strange coincidence is that it burned down on May 8, the same day that Schreiber had been appointed as postmaster 91 years before.



Hugo Schreiber Sr., postmaster of Sigsbee from May 8, 1899 until April 30, 1928 when the position was abolished. Above is the official certificate appointing him as postmaster of Sigsbee.

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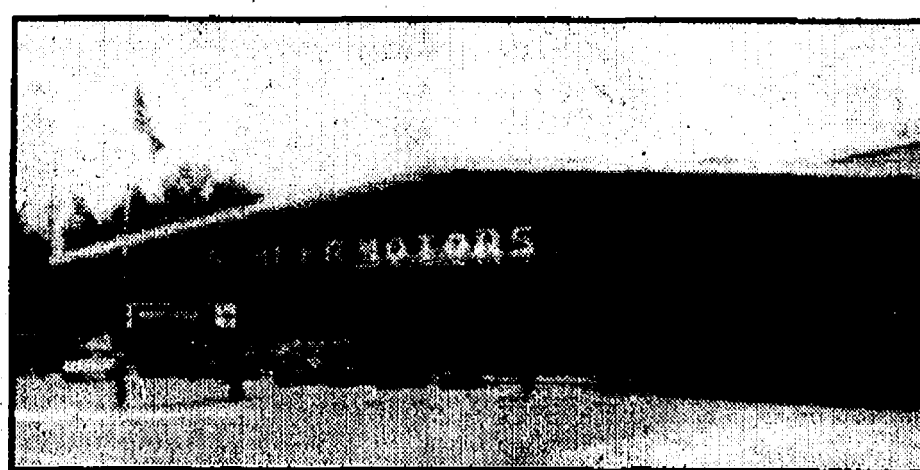
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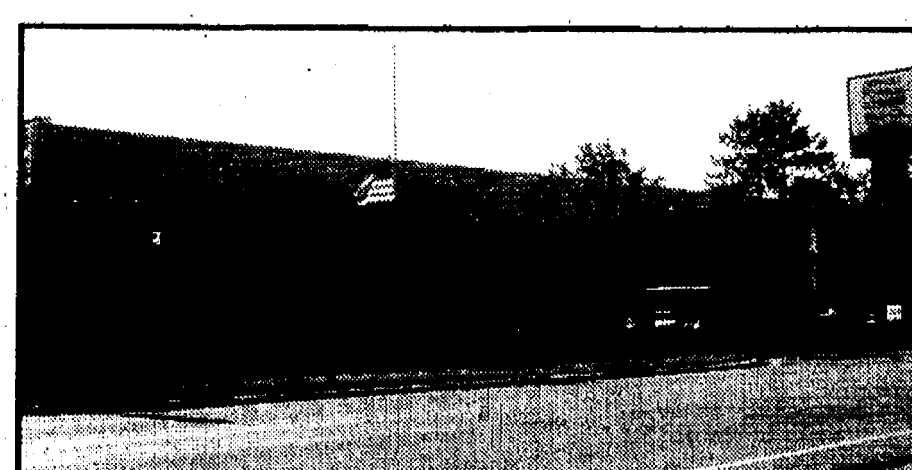
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